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In 1992, as the Greens morphed into an electoral party, we renamed the magazine GroundWork and became an independent grassroots voice. Circulation peaked at 8000 copies, with subscribers in almost every US state and Canadian province as well as across Europe.

Each issue offered general grassroots reporting as well as in-depth coverage of a particular theme. The issues on Nuclear Waste were the most comprehensive report available on this secretive and ever-shifting topic in the 1990s.

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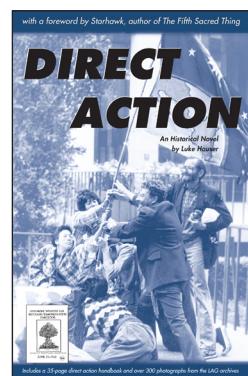
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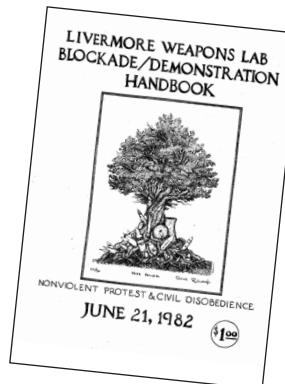


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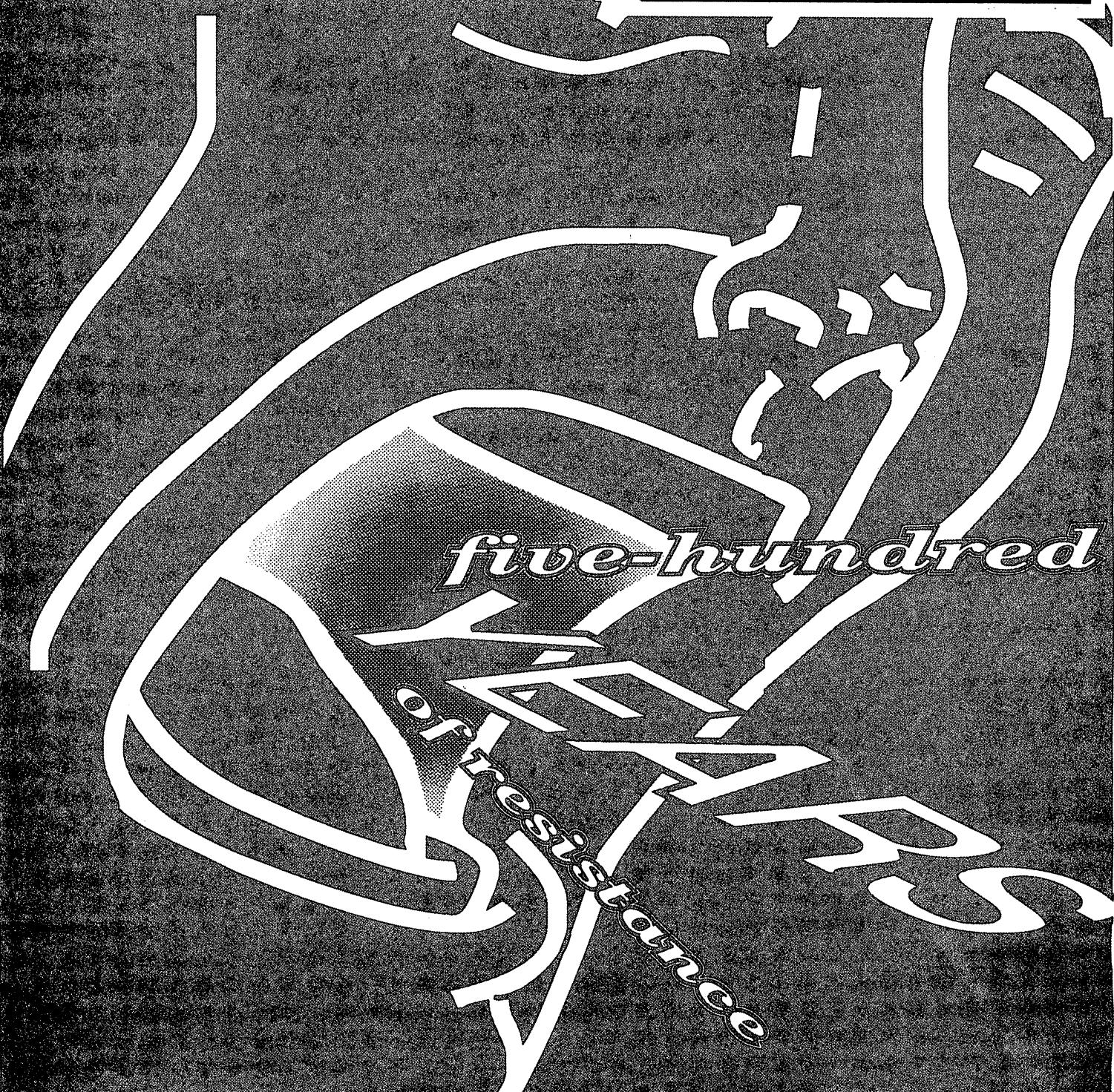
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Ground Work

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New Directions for A Troubled Time

Changes Afoot!!

Green Letter has Metamorphosed: *GroundWork* emerges!

In a time when all movements for change are rethinking old ideas and strategies, we felt the magazine must broaden to better reflect and support the diversity of those working for peace, ecology and social justice.

The last qualitative change we went through was in the Fall of 1989, when we took responsibility for the combined publication of *Green Letter* (an independent quarterly magazine) and *In Search of Greener Times*, the newsletter of The

Greens. In the spirit of the Greens' 10 key values (ecological wisdom and sustainability, community-based economics, social justice, grassroots democracy; personal & global responsibility; nonviolence, decentralization, postpatriarchal values, and future focus,) we dedicated the combined publication to building links among activists at the grassroots. We are a paper by and for activists.

We know that it is regular people that make history—not experts or politicians. Oftentimes the problem is that at the grassroots you have no view of what is happening elsewhere—people frequently get demoralized because they think are the only ones who have taken a stand. Regular people are making news every day it is time to be able to read about it.

We publish the news that the mainstream ignores—namely what people are doing to bring about social and ecological justice. In our pages are stories of direct action, building third parties, cultural work, civil disobedience, community organizing and more, celebrating what works and grappling with what hasn't. GL has consistently built bridges between the social justice, peace and environmental movements. Each issue has covered international, national, and indigenous organizing, with news, analysis and resources.

We have always aspired to be a non-sectarian newsmagazine. In past two years, we have expanded coverage of Green local

news, debates over Green electoral and non-electoral organizing, Green Program development, growth of the Alaskan and Californian Green Parties, and the evolution of the GCoC into the Greens. We have reported the organizing of communities of resistance like ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), Food Not Bombs, South West Organizing Project,

500 Years of Resistance, Campaign to End Homophobia, Nevada Test Site,

Student Environmental Action Coalition, Bioregional Congresses, anti-war organizing across the country and more. International coverage, which had been focused on European Green Parties, expanded to include Asian, South American, and world wide Indigenous Peoples movements. We have strived to publish an open newspaper, reflecting the organizing work from a diversity of voices.

We hope that our vision has been self evident in the pages of the magazine. We are convinced we can best serve alliance building by providing a forum that *all* the grassroots activists can claim as theirs. Historically all too often what began as great organizing visions for a just future ended up in a downward spiral of promoting the initiating organization and what was being organized for got lost in the shuffle. In the worst case scenario social change work digressed into turf battles. Times are changing, and we believe the time has arrived to come together—not under the same organization, not under the same roof—but in joining in one another's actions. We want to provide a newspaper in which no single movement speaks as the voice of all. In the past, "outreach," especially to those most disempowered, has often meant "abandon your struggles and join us." Or in slightly less condescending terms, subordinate your struggles and identity under our umbrella. We believe that our greatest contribution can be not as recruiters to

any one organization but to cross pollinate between movements. Activists need to know what one another are doing, so rather than competing we can support one another's work.

To develop such sharing between movements requires changes in the paper. We have not fully mapped out the road ahead. Discussions of the past six months have produced many changes. The most obvious change is that we are renaming the magazine "*GroundWork*." We have chosen this name to reflect our view of the magazine's role in the quest for a a multifaceted national movement for social change.

Your comments and support are vital to *GroundWork*. What do you need from our publication? If our vision engages you, share yours with us and we can deepen it together. If you are involved with social change work of any progressive stripe put us on your mailing list, let us know what you are doing, send us photographs of your actions....We'll get the news you are making to activists though out the country. (We distributed 9,000 copies of this issue.) Send us your financial support so we can continue full publication. Help us find distributors and outlets. Tell us how we can give you a better tool for organizing!

We are in this for the long haul. With your support, our collective will continue to offer these many voices for a greener, more just future. Toward building a movement for healing the future.

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GroundWork is sorry to inform our readers that we are not invulnerable to the financial crisis of the country. We have missed the winter issue for lack of funds.

Run for Peace and Dignity Across the Continent

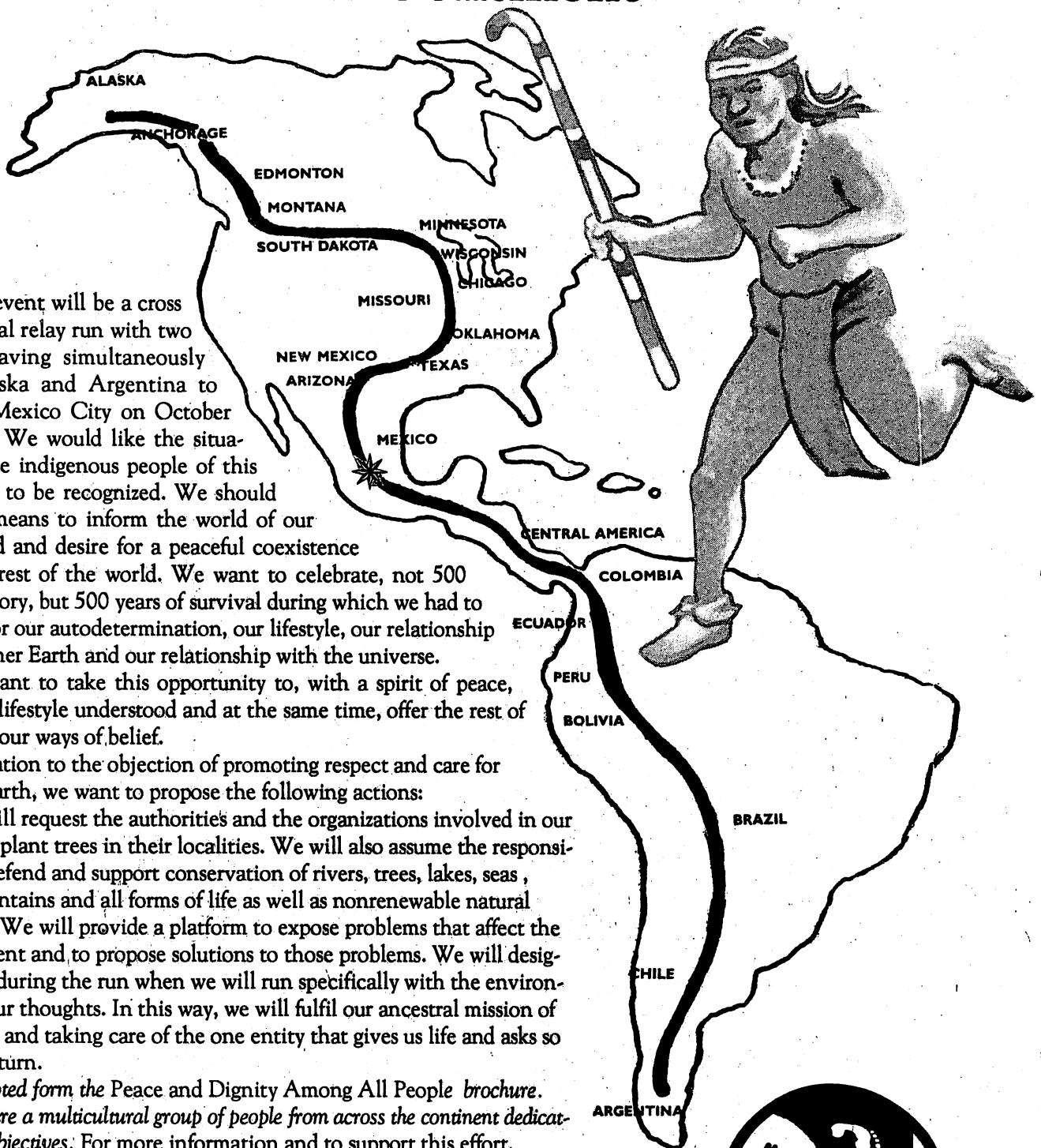
This event will be a cross continental relay run with two groups leaving simultaneously from Alaska and Argentina to meet in Mexico City on October 12, 1992. We would like the situation of the indigenous people of this continent to be recognized. We should create a means to inform the world of our basic need and desire for a peaceful coexistence with the rest of the world. We want to celebrate, not 500 years of glory, but 500 years of survival during which we had to struggle for our autodetermination, our lifestyle, our relationship with Mother Earth and our relationship with the universe.

We want to take this opportunity to, with a spirit of peace, make our lifestyle understood and at the same time, offer the rest of the world our ways of belief.

In relation to the objection of promoting respect and care for Mother Earth, we want to propose the following actions:

We will request the authorities and the organizations involved in our project to plant trees in their localities. We will also assume the responsibility to defend and support conservation of rivers, trees, lakes, seas, land, mountains and all forms of life as well as nonrenewable natural resources. We will provide a platform to expose problems that affect the environment and to propose solutions to those problems. We will designate days during the run when we will run specifically with the environment in our thoughts. In this way, we will fulfil our ancestral mission of respecting and taking care of the one entity that gives us life and asks so little in return.

Excerpted from the Peace and Dignity Among All People brochure. Members are a multicultural group of people from across the continent dedicated to our objectives. For more information and to support this effort, contact: Peace and Dignity Journeys 1992, 1301 W. 16th St., Chicago, IL 60608, (312) 733-6363.





On January 31st 1992 one hundred participants in the Walk Across America started their 3,000 mile journey from New York to the Western Shoshone Nation in Nevada, the most heavily bombed nation on Earth. They came from the Menominee Nation, the Taino Arawak Nation, Belgium, the Navajo Nation, Canada, the USA and other parts of the world. The participants represent Indigenous nations, human rights groups, and activists. They are walking in support of the native people of this country that were forcibly removed from their lands and silenced for 500 years.

To participate, be on the mailing list, help sign petitions, or make a donation contact: **For Mother Earth**, 1066 N. High St. 43201 Columbus, OHIO, USA — Turtle Island. 1-(614)291-9255, 1-(800)466-9255. For specific maps call 1-800-466-9255

◆ All countries with nuclear capabilities test their weapons on the lands of native peoples. The Soviet Union tests in Kazakhstan and Novaya Zemlya; China tests on the lands of the Uygur; France tests on the coral islands in Polynesia; Great Britain first bombed Australia aboriginal land and now joins the US in testing on Western Shoshone land in Nevada.



◆ The most heavily bombed land on earth is Neue Sogobia, the Western Shoshone Nation. Since 1951, the United States and British governments have exploded over 700 nuclear bombs on Western Shoshone land, otherwise known as Nevada, USA. Nineteen bombs were detonated there in 1990. This is done without the consent of the Ruby Valley Treaty, signed "in peace and friendship" with the United States.



The Walk's tentative

route is:

April: OH- Columbus,
Springfield, Dayton, Miamis-
burg, IN- Indianapolis, IL-
Effingham.

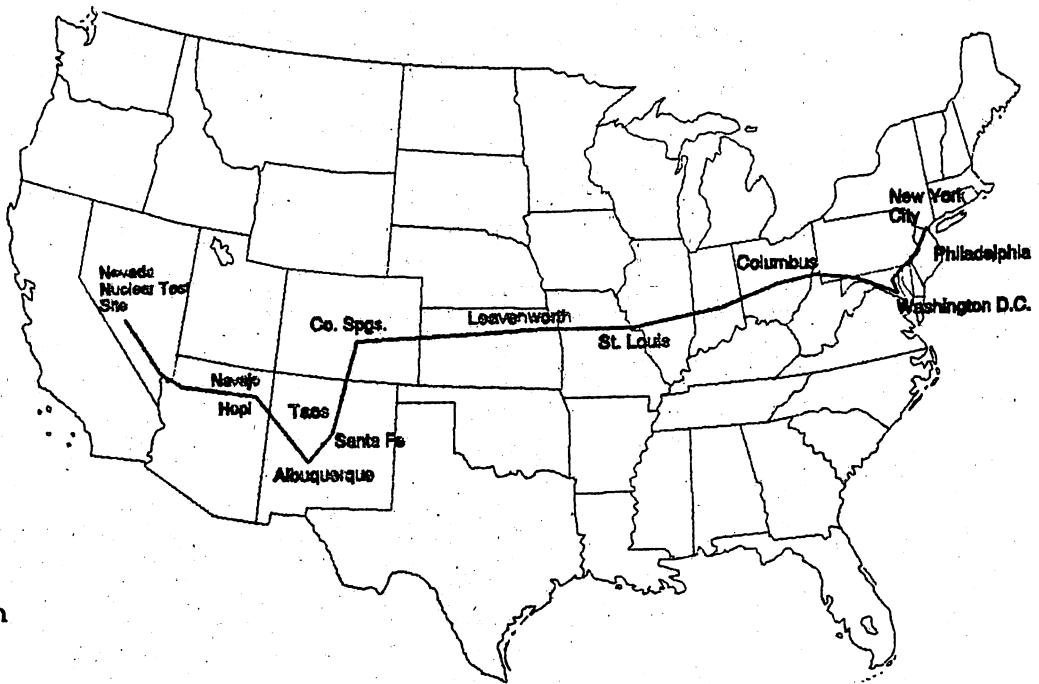
May: MO- St. Louis, Jefferson
City, Kansas City, KS- Leaven-
worth, Potawatomi Reservation
June: KS- Salina, Hayes, CO-
Wild Horse.

July: CO- Colorado Springs,
NM-Taos, Santa Fe

August: NM- Alberquerque,
Thoreau, AZ-Big Mountain

September: Grand Canyon

October: NV- Las Vegas, Western
Shoshone Nation



Opposite

page top, Walkers in
Washington DC.

Opposite page bottom, Native
American drummers at the opening
ceremonies in New York.

This page top, Walkers in New Jersey.
This page bottom, Walkers in
Washington DC.

Photos taken by Caroline
Dossche, a Belgium Peace
Walker.



Columbus Go Home

John Curl

The Caribbean Islands were once the homeland of the Taino people. They were a prosperous, friendly nation, numbering in the millions. They lived in villages of round palm-shaped huts. The men hunted and trained little barkless dogs. Their main weapon were fishbone-tipped spears. Their bread was cassava, baked on a griddle and they kept a pepperpot soup simmering at all times. They shaped clay coils into pots, wove baskets from bievo leaves. On hillsides they planted corn, five kernels in each hole a space apart. They grew yams, beans, pepper, coconuts, papaya, pineapples. They lived peacefully for as far back as people could remember.

Then one day three ships appeared off the shore. The year was 1492. Columbus was lost and thought he was near India. He was looking for China, and carried a letter from the King and Queen of Spain to the Emperor Kublai Khan.

The Tainos treated the strangers like honored guests. They built Columbus a village and fed his entire crew for weeks. Finally Columbus left, leaving thirty nine men behind.

Ten months later he returned leading an armada of 17 ships, 1500 soldiers, horses and canons. He returned with this army because Columbus was not just an explorer: he came in search of gold and power, not just to "discover" the Indies but to conquer them.

Columbus lead the first Indian massacre. When the Tainos were defeated Columbus demanded that each Taino pay him a bell full of gold every three months. The penalty for not paying was amputation of the hands. But Columbus still couldn't get enough gold, so he sent shiploads of Tainos to Spain to be sold on the slave markets.

Soon the Caribbean fell to the Spaniards and the entire Taino nation was enslaved, as well as their neighbors the Caribs. Millions died on the plantations and mines of exhaustion, disease and hunger. Those hiding in the mountains saw that all was lost and thousands jumped from cliffs, hanged or stabbed themselves, or drank poisonous cassava juice.

Columbus directly caused the deaths

of over two million Indian people. He began the European slave trade in the western hemisphere. And even with him gone, the conquest and slaughter raged on: Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, the Antilles, the Bahamas, millions of Taino-Arawaks dead, the entire nation murdered. But even then the slaughter in the mines and plantations continued, with new vic-

over 55 armed interventions in Latin America.

The Native people have never ceased resisting. Despite five centuries of genocide, with over 50 million deaths, they have survived, holding fast to traditions, culture and land as much as possible.

Many indigenous elders say that the



Douglas Smith

tims: Caribs, Aztecs and Mayas, and slaves from Africa.

On the Northern continent the Anglo invaders wanted only the land, not the people, and removed the northern Indian nations from it by any means necessary, leaving behind a trail of hundreds of broken treaties. In the earliest years the New England Pilgrims waged genocidal war on the Wampanoag Indian alliance, publicly displaying the head of chief Metacomet at Plymouth for twenty years; at the end of the Indian wars in 1890 the US army massacred Lakota families flying a white flag at Wounded Knee.

In 1848, the relentless Anglo westward push reached the Mexican border and the US Army stormed over it, annexing the northern third of that country, including California. The most densely populated part of Indian North America, California was home to over 300,000 Native people, who were wantonly slaughtered in the Gold Rush. The US then turned south, and over the next century staged

year 1992 completes the 500 year cycle of Indian suffering, 1492 to 1992, predicted by ancient Mayan prophecy. Many elders say that the cycle is at a close, that the Eagle and the Condor of the South are finally coming together to join their tears, and, as they do, the Indian nations are being reborn.

Let us commemorate 1992 as the end of 500 Years of Resistance and the beginning of 500 years of Renewal.

John Curl is an activist and the author of "Columbus in the Bay of Pigs," published by Homeward press.

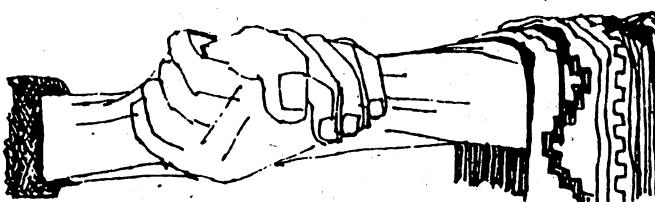
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Spanish Activists Plan
Counter-500 Years
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America Discovers America

James Yellowbank



What the Indians Have Always Known

In 1492, Columbus met the native peoples of this land. There is a common belief that he called these people "Indian" because he believed he had found India. It is important to realize, however, that at that time, India was known as "Hindustan" and the people of that country were known as "Hindus."

Columbus was impressed with the generosity of these people. He was welcomed into their tribal councils and impressed with their unusual form of government. Each member of the tribe was allowed to speak, and was listened to respectfully. Because of their generosity and openness within the tribe as well as with the newcomers, Columbus (who was a citizen of Spain and spoke in Spanish) called these people "una gente en Dios," which means "a people in God."

If we are truly to become "en Dios," then we must re-establish our relationship to life—ALL LIFE. We must make peace with the native peoples of this land. Native peoples understand that each life has a unique function. We are individuals, bound together by the Universe, by the Earth, by communalities such as language, environment and heredity. We must live as individuals and learn to respect and appreciate difference. Differences are the beauty of life.

Mending the Wounds

Next year marks the 500 year anniversary of what has been called "the Discovery of America." The American Indians were here to welcome Columbus and we have a unique perspective on this "discovery."

Columbus began the mass migration to this part of the world. Many people from many continents came here for many reasons. Each culture brought unique ways of looking at life and unique strengths and weaknesses.

Interaction between these vastly dif-

ferent societies affected everything in each society. Some thought in straight lines, with a beginning and an end. Others thought in circles; infinity, no beginning, no end. Some believed they had the right to manipulate and dominate the environment, creating vast cities and amazing technologies. Many lost balance and created problems such as over-population and pollution. Other peoples lived within the environment. They used their experience, common sense, observation and even humility to discover and live by the natural law. Some of these people lost balance as well, attracted and confused by the visible power of the straight-line thinkers, they lost touch with their own wisdom.

Too often in our mutual history, differences have been met with intolerance, misunderstanding and abuse. For five-hundred years, we have been in conflict with each other. We have been meeting violence, hatred and anger with violence, hate and anger. It is time for this long civil

war to end, the wounds to heal.

If we are to live together in peace, we must learn to respect differences and not get caught in forcing another to think, feel and act as we do. We must learn to share knowledge and listen to each other. Each individual has a unique gift to offer our community. Each individual is entitled to feel pride in themselves.

We are individuals, bound together by the Universe, by the Earth, by communalities such as history, language, environment and heredity. Each of us must define for ourselves our role in the community and what responsibilities go with each role. Each person must learn to respect and tolerate different ideas and different methods.

When we have learned to value the different gifts of other lifestyles, we will truly be able to create together a pluralistic society, celebrating our unique and wonderful heritage.

There is hope for those who can discover or rediscover life, home and direction for the future for all humans. This is literally our last chance. It's time for America to discover America.

Christopher Columbus and "The Stink Hiding the Sun"

Roxanne Dundar-Ortiz

During the 1982 session of the United Nation's General Assembly, Spain proposed that the United Nations celebrate the five hundred year anniversary of the first voyage of Columbus to the Western hemisphere by declaring 1992 an official United Nations year: "The Meeting of Two Worlds." Of course, as always in such diplomatic matters, Spain had lined up co-sponsors - the Latin American and Western bloc countries, including the United States. The Eastern European/USSR group and Asian states had indicated they would not oppose the measure. But, Spain had not bothered to consult the fifty member African group, for what did the matter have to do with Africa? When the proposal came up for debate and a vote, the Euro-

pean diplomats could not resist teasing the Spanish spokesman, with the Scandinavians and Irish pointing out their ancestors may have preceded Columbus to America. In the midst of friendly laughter, a rare enough and welcome event at the United Nations in those Cold War days, the African delegates walked out. They returned with a statement of outrage that a proposal would be made in the United Nations, a body established for the goals of peace and decolonization, to celebrate the onset of modern colonialism. The proposal was dead, leaving the Spanish delegates as-

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The Spanish Inquisition of 1492

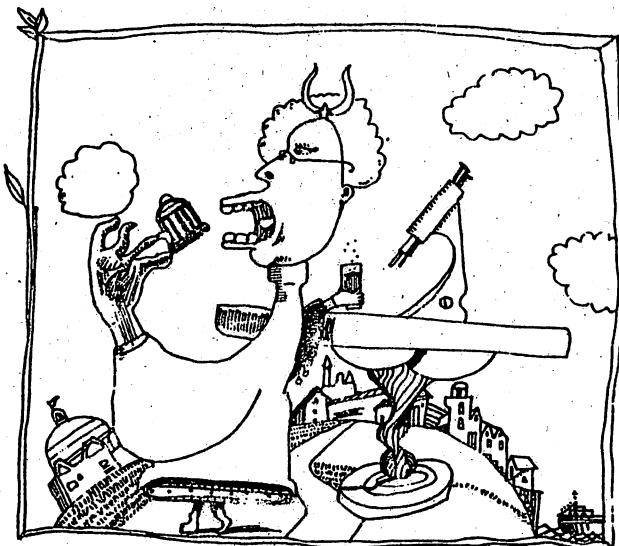
The National Commission for the Quincentennial of the "Discovery of America" has set up a Working Group for the "Rediscovery of Jewish Spain," called SEFARAD 92, the main aim of which is to emphasize the importance of the contribution of the Jewish cultural heritage to the Spanish culture.

In one single year—1492—a series of events of undeniable importance for the history took place in Spain. The coexistence and interaction of three cultures end-

ed as a result of the conquest of the Kingdom of Granada by the Catholic Monarchs, and the decision to expel the Jews who did not wish to be converted to the Christian faith. By order of the Catholic-dominated government, 400,000 Jews were told they must either convert to Catholicism or be killed or exiled.

In 1990, the Spanish government signed an accord that officially placed Jews and Protestants on a par with Roman Catholicism. It effectively overturned a decree issued by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in 1492 which had begun a period of rigid religious intolerance.

Excerpted from documents from the Spanish Comision Nacional Quinto Centenario Working Group, "SEFARAD, the Rediscovery of Jewish Spain" which was set up to disseminate, both in Spain and abroad, the history and culture of the Spanish Jews and from various articles



The images above and adjacent comprise the last eight months of my work. I have been dealing with the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. Let me explain the conceptual framework of these pieces: the Sephardic Jews had built underground tunnels and rooms that were used to carry on religious and community activities during the Inquisition. Those tunnels, recently rediscovered after hundreds of years, represent a labyrinth of lost dreams, aspirations, trust and hope. How many stories were told, secrets shared, songs sung here? As these tunnels are rediscovered so is the history of Sephardim. All the elements depicted here take place in metaphorical tunnels. They are glimpses of my own psychological past; they are not dreams or hallucinations, rather a visual struggle to re-member and re-possess my own heritage and identity. 1992 represents 500 years of struggle for many peoples—a struggle to retain their own cultural identity. It is a time to offer respect while different cultural groups (long marginalized) tell their own histories.

I hope these works provide a small contribution to this difficult but beautiful process.

Michael Schwartz

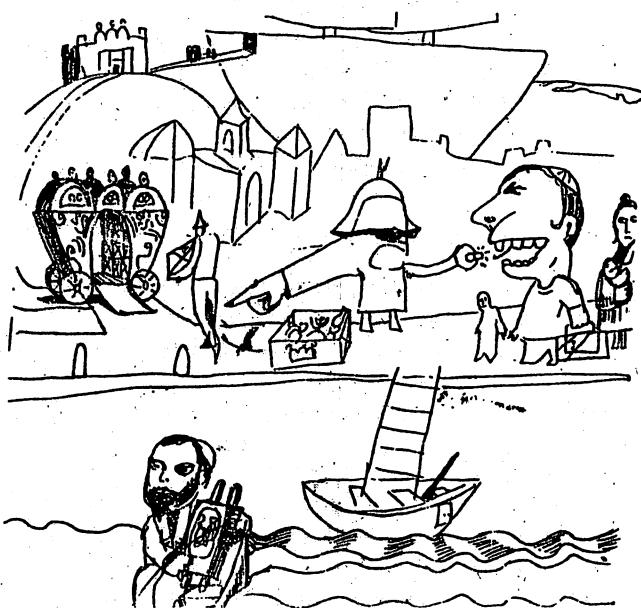


Hidden Jews of the Southwest

Most of the Spaniards that settled in the Southwestern United States are practicing Catholics, however, a significant number are discovering a Jewish heritage that was suppressed by the Spanish Inquisition 500 years ago. Most had converted to Catholicism and then found refuge in the mountains of the Southwest.

Called Hidden Jews, Secret Jews or Conversos or Comptos Jews, many are now interested in tracing their family trees. A few of these families scattered throughout the Southwest have returned to Judaism, while others do not want to have anything to do with it. Ray Padilla, a professor at Arizona State University Hispanic Research Center in Tempe, said it will take years for the scholarly research to be completed on the hidden Jews.

The biggest clue has been gravestones. Many gravestones in the Southwest, in addition to the usual Christian markings such as crosses, also have distinctive Jewish engravings like the Star of David, Jewish prayer shawls and menorahs.



The Continental Campaign of 500 Years of Indigenous and People's Resistance

The II Encounter of the Continental Campaign of 500 years of Indigenous and People's Resistance was held last October 7-12, 1991 in Xelaju, Guatemala. The event was attended by 259 delegates from various regions representing 49 ethnic groups, nations, and native peoples from all over the American continent. As well as the delegates, 125 special guests and 362 observers attended. Nearly all the indigenous, grassroots, and African-American organizations on the "Abya Yala" continent were present in the 347 organizations that attended.

The event started with an inauguration in Guatemala City. Afterwards, in a caravan of cars and buses, decorated with banners for the occasion, delegates, guests, observers, and members of the press headed for Xelaju, Guatemala.

The Encounter had many guests, including Rigoberta Menchu, a Guatemalan indigenous activist who has been living in exile for four years in Mexico. During the course of the Encounter, Menchu was unanimously nominated by participants as a candidate for the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize.

The African-American sector attended the II Encounter. It was decided that the Campaign will henceforth be referred to as "500 Years of Indigenous, Black and Peoples Resistance." Among the most important agreements reached during the II Encounter, was the decision to declare 1992 as "International Year of Indigenous, Black and People's Resistance," and to hold the Third Continental Encounter in October of 1992, in Nicaragua.

During the Week of the Encounter, cultural groups from Central America, Mexico, and different areas of Guatemala presented ethnic dances and songs, priests and shamans from various native peoples and nations performed religious ceremonies, and an exhibition of crafts and art of some of the participating countries was held. The encounter ended with a massive march in which 100,000 people participated, the majority of whom were indigenous Guatemalans, international delegates, and members of grassroots and union organizations.

The campaign has been successful in

its goals to act as a counter celebration to the official international quincentennial celebration, and to offer concrete alternatives to the institutionalized systems of discrimination and repression.

For more information on the event, action statements, and future events of this nature contact the South and meso-American Indian Information Center, P.O. Box 7550, Berkeley, CA 94707 USA (415)834-4263

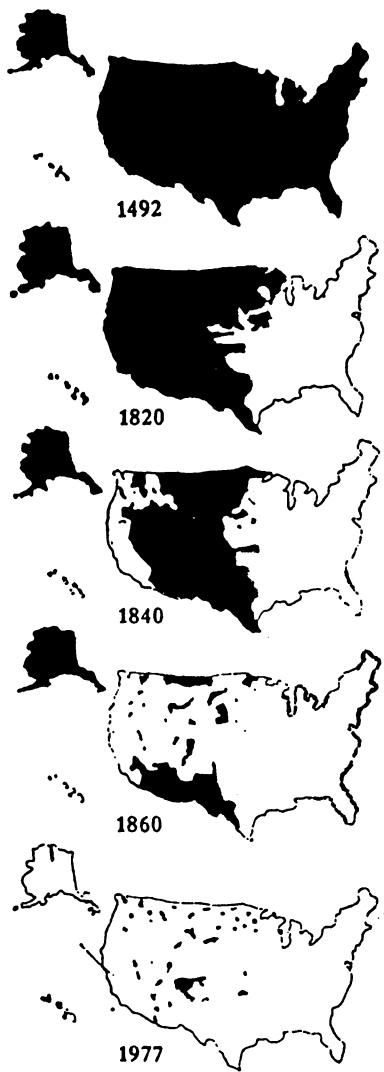


Decalaration of Solidarity and Unity by the Afro-American Participants to the II Continental Encounter of 500 years of Resistance

1. As African Americans we feel the need to add our united voices in solidarity and unity to the Indigenous Continental Campaign of 500 Years of Resistance.
2. Being aware of cultural diversity, some of us a union of Indigenous and African Cultures: The Garifunas of Central America, the Cimarrones in South America and others, we share a collective experience in regards to slavery and the consciousness of our links to America before Columbus. We also carry a consciousness of our relationship to Madre Tierra who feeds and sustains us, and to the spirits of our ancestors.
3. We pay esteemed respect to our Indigenous hosts on this continent, especially here in Guatemala.
4. Having been kidnapped and forced into slavery by the same European powers who practiced ecocide and genocide of the Indigenous people, we acknowledge our linkage and contributions to this continent.
5. In our history, there exists united struggles and sharing of knowledge with the Indigenous nations. We were united in struggles throughout the Americas for example, with the Seminole Nation in Florida, Island Carib Nation in the Caribbean, Cimarrones in Columbia and Guayanas, and the Zambos in Brazil.
6. Also we cannot overlook that in our history there has existed disunity and enmity, where Indigenous people were used to hunt African runaways and Africans were used to capture Indian land.
7. We should not allow this manipulation of disunity to continue. We must find avenues to bridge the communication gap, to forge new ways to share our experiences in the struggles to preserve our cultures, and to unite with the mutual respect in resistance against colonialism and imperialism. African Americans, Indigenous and Popular movements united for 1992 and beyond.



Loss of Native lands since 1492



State of Maine Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Europeans arriving in the New World found native people—a peaceful, spiritual people living in harmony with their environment; and

WHEREAS, the beauty of Maine's Indian heritage is one of the State of Maine's greatest gifts; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Indian people proudly share their culture with the rest of the world through powwows, art, museums, dance, music, dramas, reenactments, and storytelling, and the contributions, both past and present, made by Maine's Indian people benefit all Maine people; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Indian people have shown great strength and endurance and have striven to preserve their culture and tribal traditions through the years and changing times; and

WHEREAS, American Indians were our first conservationists and their inher-

ent respect and love of nature are a lesson to us all; and

WHEREAS, a year-long celebration encompassing the entire state is a fitting tribute to Maine's Indian people,

NOW, THEREFORE, I JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim 1992 as

THE YEAR OF THE INDIAN throughout the State of Maine,

in testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twentieth day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-one.

JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor

Excerpted from News Liberation News Service. NLNS can be reached at: PO Box 41, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 253-0399

Artists' Call Honoring 500 Years

"The Land, The People, 500 Years Later" is a nationwide call for student art, geared towards examining contemporary examples of colonialism. The first project is a national traveling slide show of student artists work. The slide show will be geared for use in seminars, classes or community centers. Short video pieces of performances, parades, protests are also need-

ed. All artwork submitted will be distributed in a national magazine. Cartoons and illustrations will be made available to underground press services for reproduction.

How to apply:

Slides: Send 1-5 slides (2 sets), clearly labeled with name address, phone, size, media and title. Please include your summer address and if you would be into hosting a slide show. The tour will begin in September, 1992.

Graphics, Cartoons, Illustrations: send as much material as you like and some information about how people can reach you if they want more work. There are no size restrictions, but work will be distributed in an eight by eleven inches format and printed in black and white. Please enclose a SASE if you want your work returned. There is no entry fee and all work will be accepted!

For more information on upcoming national days of action call: 602-882-8477. Send all material to: Student Artist Call, PO Box 1484, Tucson, AZ 85702-1484 no later than July 29, 1992.

Vermont Walk

People of the Western Abenaki Nation and their supporters will be walking three routes through Vermont, southern Quebec and western Massachusetts this summer, meeting in the town of Swanton VT where the largest concentration of Abenakis now live. The walk is being organized in cooperation with Vermonters Organized for Clean-Up, Vermont's network of anti-toxics activists. Organizers hope to raise funds for the reburial of Abenaki bones that have been unearthed by recent housing developments in Swanton and also for a new Abenaki community center. The Abenakis have never signed a treaty with the United States and have begun reasserting their tribal rights in recent years, despite growing harassment by Vermont State authorities. Contact: Walk '92 c/o Vermonters Organized for Clean-up, Box 485, Barre, VT 05641 (802) 476-7757



1992 International Directory and Resource Guide on the 500 Years of Resistance

"By providing the resources to create a communications network, we hope to contribute to the construction of new, critical, and constructive relationships, relationships that foster an attitude of respect towards the cultures that have resisted the colonial, post-colonial, and national assault of the last five centuries. A free society must be a decolonized society, and this is the political project that lies ahead of us, waiting to be constructed." (excerpted from the Introduction presented by the SAIIC Board)

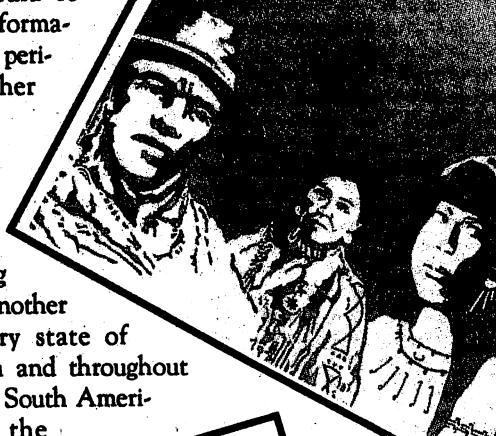
Published by the South and Meso American Indian Information Center (SAIIC), this 150 page directory and resource guide provides activists and interested individuals with an extremely comprehensive manual for education and organizing for 1992 and beyond.

The Resource Guide includes indigenous declarations; a calendar of 1992 events; suggestions for action;

curriculum resources; speakers' bureaus; computer network information; audiovisual and media resources and information on books, periodicals and other resource guides.

The Directory is a complete list of organizations mobilizing in one way or another in nearly every state of North America and throughout Meso America, South America, Europe, the South Pa-

1992 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE
500 Years of Resistance



cific and Central Asia. There are also extensive indices.

For anyone wondering how to plug into making 1992 a year of commemoration and celebration of 500 years of resistance and dignity, this is a fantastic resource!

SAIIC's goals are to promote peace and justice for Indian people by providing information to the general public in the US and to human rights and solidarity organizations regarding the struggles for survival and self-determination of Indian peoples of South and Meso America and, by facilitating exchange and promoting direct communication and understanding between Indian people.

For more information and to order copies of the Directory, contact SAIIC at PO Box 28703, Oakland, CA 94604, (510) 834-4263.





The SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP), Albuquerque, New Mexico, which published this book, is a multi-racial, multi-issue community organization that seeks to empower the disenfranchised in the Southwest so that they may realize racial and gender equality, and social and economic justice. Now ten years old, SWOP has played a leading role in the nationwide struggle against environmental racism and economic blackmail (when corporations threaten to close down if they are compelled to clean up their contamination). It has built a network of activists to work together on this and other issues. SWOP also publishes bilingual books for children and other materials.

For more information, contact SWOP at 211 10th Street, SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102; (505) 247-8832.

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500 Years of Chicano History in Pictures

Published by the Southwest Publishing Organization, this bilingual book was first published by the Chicano Communications Center of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1976, as *450 Years of Chicano History in Pictures/450 Años del Pueblo Chicano*. It went out of print in a few months. This updated and expanded edition contains the original book with small corrections as well as a revised introduction and 64 new pages of photographs from the years 1976-91.





Waste Merchants Intentionally Poison Natives

Valerie Talmam

There are thousands who have suffered the consequences of highly dangerous industries operating in and near Indian communities. Angry tribal leaders accuse industry and the military of economic and environmental racism for devastating their land and their people.

They say that calculated decisions were made that resulted in the deaths of thousands of Native people—people that corporate and government officials deemed expendable.

The intentional poisoning of Native people has been going on for a long time. It can be traced back to the smallpox infected blankets that the U.S.

Cavalry distributed to Indian prisoners of war. It continued through the decades in the form of military and industrial development that polluted Indian lands and water supplies.

Today the poisonous deals come in slick packages from friendly waste merchants or from David LeRoy, who heads the Bush Administration's Office of US Nuclear Waste Negotiations.

LeRoy has been trying to sell tribal leaders a deal to set aside 450-acre parcels of Native lands for federal storage of radioactive waste from the nation's 110 nuclear power plants.

In return for poison, LeRoy holds out

prospects of more federal money for health care, education and other economic benefits that financially strapped tribes critically need. It is a strategy that some tribal leaders call "economic blackmail."

LeRoy mailed letters to more than 650 tribal leaders nationally and has lobbied at major Indian gatherings such as the National Congress of American Indians attended by

1500 delegates.

So far, only the Mescalero Apache tribe in New Mexico has received \$100,000 of grant money to study the prospect of a nuclear waste facility on the reservation. It is a prospect that has caused much controversy among tribal members, many of whom oppose it. Waste deals disguised as "economic development."

This recent round of waste proposals comes on the heels of scores of proposals from waste disposal operators who have deliberately targeted Indian lands for waste incinerators and landfills.

In the last two years alone, more than 50 tribes from Arizona, New Mexico,

Alaska, California, New York, Nevada, Utah, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Florida have been approached by waste merchants seeking deals on Native lands where state regulations do not apply and there is less red tape governing toxic waste incinerators and landfills.

Toxic waste deals are often disguised as "economic development" projects. Waste companies promise million-dollar deals to people who often live in economically depressed communities that seldom attract offers of this magnitude.

In exchange for millions, waste companies propose to build high-level waste incinerators and massive dumps to store tons of toxic waste shipped in from all over the nation.

Waste merchants also recognize the political and economic vulnerability of Native nations. Because affluent communities have the money and political power to ban waste sites from their neighborhoods, most landfills, incinerators and toxic dumps are built near low-income communities of color, many near Indian lands.

Unless a tribe has existing environmental regulations, toxic waste falls under the jurisdiction of federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) laws that are often less stringent than those of states.

Native leaders say the lax and distant enforcement exercised by the EPA is not enough to protect tribes from companies that are trying to take advantage of the sovereign status of Native people.

"Environmental laws do not protect our people," said Gail Small, a North Cheyenne attorney and activist. "With less than four percent of our original land base left, we refuse to accept the deliberate targeting of our land for white America's



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Elders Jailed Over Casino on Lakota Land

When Lower Brule Reservation (South Dakota) Tribal Chairman Michael Jandreau ordered the elders out of their community center so he could begin remodeling the building that was used as an elderly nutrition site and other community services into the Golden Buffalo Casino, the elders dug in. They circulated a petition to gather signatures protesting the tribal council's action and organized a vigil to occupy the building twenty-four hours a day to keep the construction crews from entering. Their plan was disrupted on December 13 when the community center was surrounded by tribal police in the early hours of the morning. The police hooked a chain to one of their cars, pulled the locked door off and arrested six elders and several other tribal members for occupying their own recreational center. Fourteen people were arrested and released the following day. Charges were made ranging from disobedience to falsifying signatures on a petition.

Not only were these people protesting the loss of their community center to a gambling casino, they were also protesting the impact that a casino selling liquor and open 24 hours a day would have on the young people of the reservation. Both the elementary school and the High School are in the same building complex as the community center.

On January 13 when the elders were ordered to present their case before the Tribal Judge, the judge was not present and the charges were dropped. Ellen Wright, one of the elders who was arrested, lost her job as the nutrition director for the tribe.

Meanwhile, the community center was surrounded by BIA police as construction crews remodeled the building. The Golden Buffalo Casino, complete with more than 100 slot machines, and blackjack and poker tables, opened its doors on February 29.

Orville "Red" Langdeau, a member of the Lower Brule tribal council, said the casino would provide more than 100 jobs to an area with painfully high unemployment.

"You wouldn't believe the excitement down here," Langdeau said. Garfield Grassrope, a Lakota Elder who helped to organize the protest, looks at it differently and states it is just another "genocidal move on the U.S. side." He believes the BIA government that replaced the traditional government ruled by the elders works right along with the U.S. government and does not represent the needs of the people and the community.

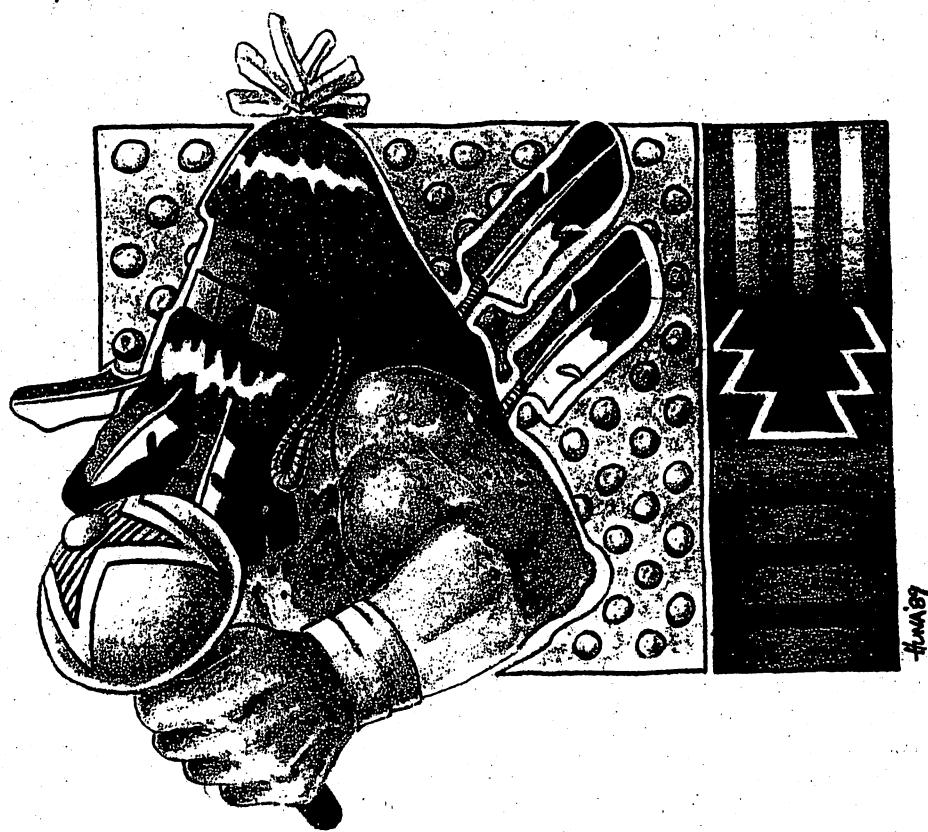
Grassrope said only the tribal council and their families are excited. The majority of the community is opposed to the casino. He is also concerned that they used the symbol of the buffalo, a sacred animal

in Lakota spirituality, as a name for the casino.

"This casino is against our spiritual ways. We will continue to fight," Grassrope said. "We keep praying. Through ceremony, spirit told us something will happen to these people. They said it is too early to tell what it is. I feel bad for those guys. Something is going to happen. The whole system is corrupt."

From: Yuwitaya Lakota, the newsletter of the Lakota Sovereignty Organizing Committee, Bear Brute Council, Box 5686, Rapid City, SD 57709; 605-341-6492.

GroundWork always features current Native news. Please send us information, give us feedback and put us on your mailing list.



A Year of Events at

100th Monkey April Actions at Test Site

The mid-April 1992 events at Nevada Test Site are being organized around the theme of the "100th Monkey." The 100th Monkey signifies a group or species reaching a critical level of awareness about a problem and acting to change it.

The gathering will commence on the weekend of April 10-12 in Las Vegas. Events include a showing of "Bound by the Wind," a documentary about a Comprehensive Test Ban; a candlelight vigil at the Department of Energy; a concert featuring many well-known musicians and speakers; and a Peace Fair which will include music, nonviolence preps, workshops, food, and networking. Booth space for the Fair can be reserved by calling (415) 328-7840.

On Monday, April 13, a Walk to Nevada Test Site will depart from Las Vegas.

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November Action Commemorates Atomic Veterans

Photographs from the November 1991 Veterans Day Witness action at Nevada Test Site [see last issue, pg 27]. For more information on this action and other Test Site organizing, contact American Peace Test, (702) 386-9834, PO Box 26725, Las Vegas NV 89126.

Upper left, view into Test Site. Mid left, Veterans, Downwinders, Native Americans and others march from the Peace Camp to the main gate of the Test Site in protest of testing on Western Shoshone land.

Bottom, World War II veteran Bill Rosse, Sr., of the Western Shoshone Nation, advises government officials that the Test Site was illegally seized from the Western Shoshone Nation in 1951 in violation of ancestral land rights and of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. Rosse's demand for an end to nuclear testing was followed by nonviolent civil disobedience in which Native Americans and others crossed the cattle-guard to occupy the Test Site.

Mid right, A Native American Vietnam veteran offers sage and gives testimony during a memorial ceremony near the main gate at the Test Site. A unanimous cry for an end to nuclear testing was voiced in testimonies by Veterans, Downwinders, and anti-nuclear activists.

Upper right, the closing circle, remembering all those who have suffered or died as a result of nuclear testing and U.S. militarism.

Nevada Test Site

October "500 Years" Events Planned

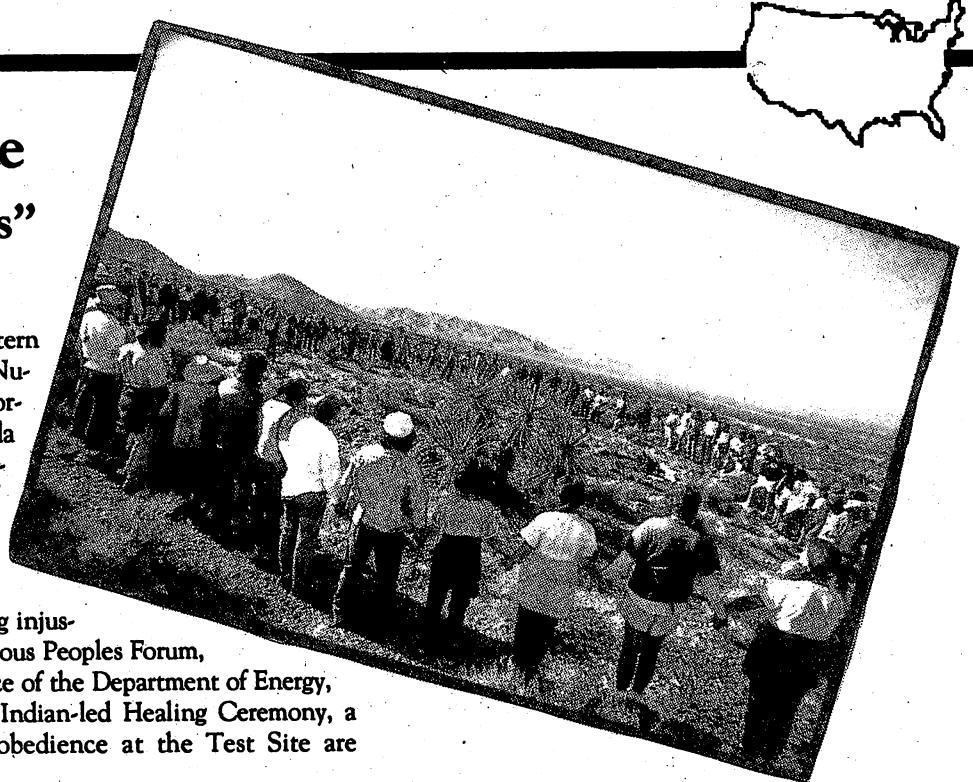
American Peace Test, the Western Shoshone Nation, the Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance, and other groups are organizing actions and events at Nevada Test Site in October as part of international commemoration of 500 Years of Resistance and Dignity.

The events will be titled "Healing Global Wounds," and will focus on stopping nuclear testing and ending injustice to indigenous people. An Indigenous Peoples Forum, a demonstration at the Las Vegas office of the Department of Energy, a peace encampment, an American Indian-led Healing Ceremony, a Multi-Cultural Rally, and civil disobedience at the Test Site are planned.

The events will also connect with the European Peace Pilgrimage and the Walk Across America [see page 2 of this issue] for the final 65-mile leg of their cross-country walks.

For more information, contact American Peace Test, PO Box 26725, Las Vegas NV 89126, 702-386-9834.

GroundWork covers Nevada Test Site and other anti-nuclear organizing every issue. We welcome stories, photos, and new ideas.



Lenten Desert Experience Seeks End to Testing

"Healing the Earth—Healing Ourselves" is the theme for the eleventh annual series of Lenten Desert Experience events planned by the Nevada Desert Experience (NDE) for March 4 through April 19, 1992. NDE is inviting people to come to Nevada Test Site to seek healing for the Earth and her people, and to join in prayerful protest of the continued bombing of Mother Earth.

"We have only one planet: one water, one air, one land. If we don't take care of

it, it won't take care of us. I pray for forgiveness from the water, the air, Mother Earth. I pray for healing for the people," said Corbin Harney, Spiritual Elder of the Western Shoshone Nation, on whose land the bomb tests are conducted.

Weekend programs are planned with various constituent groups. Events are open to all interested.

Nevada Desert Experience is an interfaith voice in the desert proclaiming the

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Photos by Dana Schuerholz, Seattle



Lesbian/Gay Rights Defended

For Love and Justice—A Walk Against Hate

Earth First! Round River Rendezvous

Committed environmental activists are invited to participate in the 12th Earth First! Round River Rendezvous. Located this year in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, the RRR is always lively and fun.

Whether you come for the whole week or just for a day or two, you'll get to meet other activists from around the continent. Daytime workshops will range from "Connecting Animal Rights to the Environmental Movement" to "Using Ki Energy for Conflict Resolution" to "Bioregional Deep Ecology."

Come equipped to camp. A small donation is requested. Workshop presenters and Earth-oriented entertainers are welcome.

For more information, contact EF!-RRR, PO Box 1166, Boulder CO 80306.

The fundamental rights of lesbians and gays, which are under attack across the country, are being attacked in Oregon by a right-wing group which we believe also threatens the rights of women, Jews, people of color, and the poor.

In response, hundreds of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, plus friends, families and allies, are planning a Walk Against Hate from Eugene to Portland. All people concerned with human rights are invited to unite in this fight against bigotry.

Caravans from all over the state will converge in Eugene on June 7. Walking 150 miles in two weeks through the Willamette Valley, the Walk will pass through Corvallis, Salem, and Oregon City, arriving in Portland for the Lesbian and Gay Pride March on June 20.

The Walk aims to take the agenda out of the hands of the Oregon Citizens Alliance and go directly to the people of Oregon, asking them to take a stand for justice and against hate. OCA is sponsoring a statewide initiative which would classify



homosexuality as "abnormal behavior." And the OCA will not stop at terrorizing the lesbian and gay community. The initiative contains thinly-veiled racist language with such buzzwords as "quotas," "minority status," and "affirmative action." This attack on homosexuals is designed to drive a wedge between gays and lesbians and other oppressed people. An attack on anyone's rights is an attack on democracy.

The Walk will have opportunities for people of all abilities to participate.

Endorsements and contributions can be sent to the Lesbian Community Project, PO Box 5931, Portland OR 97228. For more information, call (503) 321-5184.



National and Regional Conferences and Calls to Action—See page 35

Levi's Workers Are Early Victims of the Free Trade Climate and Corporate Greed

April 19 marks the second anniversary of the Levi's plant closure in San Antonio, Texas (see Summer 1992 issue). Despite record profits in 1989, 1990 and in 1991, Levis closed the plant and ended 1150 jobs in search of even greater profits by relocating to Costa Rica. Fuerza Unida is an organization of 600 dues-paying members—former Levis employees, that is fighting back.

They have filed two law suits against the company. One is a class action suit alleging pension fund violations, work injury claims compensation and severance pay. The other is a racial discrimination suit that charges the Levi Co. with discriminatory policies in laying off primarily workers/women of color.



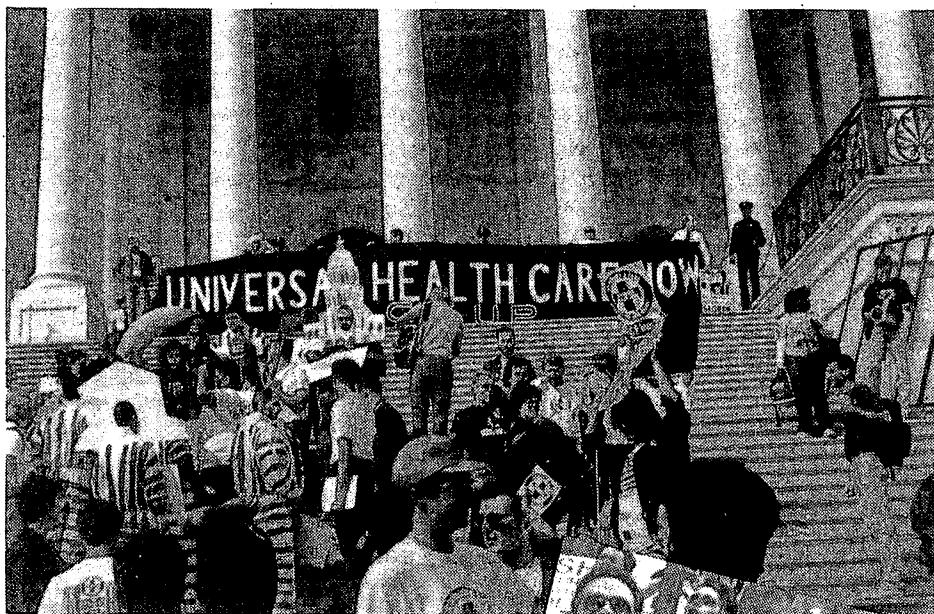
Fuerza Unida
P.O. Box 830083
San Antonio, TX 78283-0083

Fuerza Unida is calling for a boycott of Levi's. If you already have Levi products, please tear off the labels and mail them to: Bob Haas, Levi's, 1155 Battery St., San Francisco, CA 94111. Tell him that you will not buy their products until they settle with Fuerza Unida!

For more information and to support Fuerza Unida, contact them at: PO Box 830083, San Antonio, TX 78283; (512) 299-2666.



ACT UP Decries Congressional Indifference to AIDS Crisis



Demonstrators from ACT UP gathered last fall on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, DC to protest Congress's failure to adequately address the AIDS crisis. Theatrical demonstrators demanded "Universal Health Care Now," while other protesters committed civil disobedience outside the White House.

The fall protests were the culmination of 30 days of protest which began at President Bush's hideaway in Kennebunkport, Maine.

For more information, contact ACT UP/Maine, 207-774-7224 or 207-774-5082; ACT UP/New York, 212-564-2437; or an ACT UP chapter in your area.

Thanks to C.T. Butler for photos.



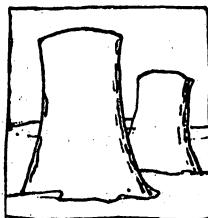
GroundWork covers ACT UP, Campaign to End Homophobia, and other gay/lesbian/bisexual organizing in every issue. We greatly appreciate receiving newsletters, articles, tips and photos. Recent issues have covered Maine, Philadelphia, New York, and San Francisco, as well as related conferences and book reviews. For past issues, contact GroundWork.



Earth Day Sparks Alternative Responses

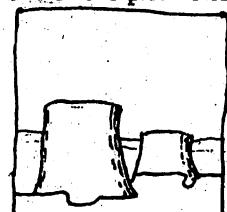
Greens Target Chernobyl Anniversary

This past August the Greens National Congress in West Virginia ratified its first National Action Plan, including Earth



Day actions around April 26, 1992. As part of this plan, many Green activists are focusing on the anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

One key component of the plan is to explicitly challenge current moves by President Bush and his corporate allies to revitalize the moribund "domestic" nuclear program via coordinated Chernobyl anniversary anti-nuclear actions. Actions will be held at regional facilities to:



1) stop the "revival" of the nuclear industry and federally imposed siting of nuclear waste dumps.

2) call for a shut down of old reactors.
3) highlight the effects of uranium mining and weapons testing, with focus on indigenous communities as a jumping off point for "500 Years of Dignity and Resistance" events.

4) highlight solar, wind and other renewable alternative energy sources, along with conservation and democratic control of utility policy. Ralph Nader's group, Public Citizen, is calling for a national "Sun Day," with local actions on the 6th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster to promote national conversion to solar/renewable sustainable energy production.

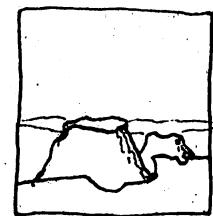
The Green Action Plan incorporates the concept of "Sun Day" and expands the scope to a "nuclear free" Sun Day. The Chernobyl Anniversary Action includes at least 25 simultaneous anti-nuclear rallies across the country — by far the largest number of Chernobyl Anniversary anti-nuclear actions to date in the U.S.

Wisconsin Plans Major Action

Actions and events are planned

around the country. One major action will be held in Wisconsin. Citizens will gather to commemorate the 6th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster on Sunday, April 26th at the Point Beach nuclear facility. The main purpose is to promote national conversion to solar and other safe alternative/renewable energy production.

We are planning to have a global broadcast of this unprecedented event. It is our hope that a united Spirit will cross boundaries and oceans to help heal our People/Earth — to guide us to a safe and healthy future. The Action Nuclear Free Sun Day (11:00 April 26th) will be highlighted by a people's march/parade and a mock nuclear waste spill and "die-in," plus a mock nuclear waste delivery from nuclear plants around the Great Lakes to the proposed Point Beach dry cask 'spent' fuel storage facility.



On Monday, Greenpeace will lead a caravan from Point Beach for a mock high level radioactive waste 'delivery' to potential underground storage sites in northern Wisconsin (i.e. mine sites, reservations, and DOE 'candidate' rock bodies). Community educational will be held along the way. Sun Day will also be highlighted by a beach ceremony & celebration of hope — music, speakers, art, information, boats, bicyclists, and surprises in the sky. We invite you to join us in this celebration of hope.

People are encouraged to bring a Sun Day picnic lunch and to be prepared for wind and weather. Food & camping available at Point Beach State Forest. For information call Karen/ Wisconsin Chernobyl Action Committee, (414) 748-3654 5-9 PM or write Nuclear Free Sun Day,

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Public Citizen Proposes Sun Day

Public Citizen and nearly 400 citizen groups and businesses located in 44 states are sponsoring "Sun Day 1992: A Campaign for a Sustainable Energy Future." Sun Day is planned to coincide with Earth Day 1992, to focus national attention on energy issues.

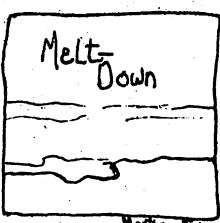
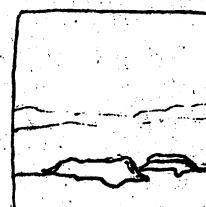
Sun Day 1992 is a nationwide campaign to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies as solutions to global climate change, energy imports, acid rain, radioactive waste, and other energy-related environmental problems.

Sponsoring groups are advocating a national energy policy that, at a minimum, reduces total energy use by 10 percent, and triples the use of renewable energy technologies by the year 2010. Meeting these goals would enable the United States to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary global-warming gas, by at least 20-25 percent.

Sun Day 1992 is being built primarily upon activities initiated by individual citizens and local and state-level groups rather than as a centrally-directed and managed program. The focus will be on developing ongoing local and state-level coalitions. Sponsors will encourage, launch and support on-going activities throughout 1992 and beyond. The organizing may include a second national day in fall 1992.

Sun Day's sponsors will also develop and distribute materials on energy conservation and renewable energy to students and teachers.

Public Citizen is a nonprofit research and advocacy organization founded in 1971 by Ralph Nader and others to address a broad array of consumer and environmental issues. For more information, contact 202-546-4996 or 603-431-2499.





Long Beach Food Not Bombs Supports Homeless

Recently, we received a call about the homeless situation in Santa Monica, California's Palisades Park. It seemed that the middle and upper class residents wanted a homeless-free zone around their community and were planning a protest against the homeless. We found out a day before and quickly planned a counter-demonstration.

Food Not Bombers brought supplies the following day. We made over 100 peanut butter sandwiches, brought cold drinks, warm clothing, boxes, survival blankets, signs, and a huge banner.

Traffic was horrible, and when we reached the park the anti-homeless protesters' one-hour permit had just ended, so there were only about 15 of them with their "I'm better than you are" attitude. We gave out the food to the homeless, who were very friendly and stayed to chat with us for over an hour. Most of them were unaware that there had been a protest against them, since there were only a few anti-homeless protesters. While some of us continued to hang out, about ten other homeless advocates took their anger into a nearby mall and marched inside chanting against the injustices put on the homeless.



East Bay (Oakland/Berkeley) FNB serves lunch several days a week in Peoples Park, where the struggle to defend the park from development continues (see last issue). For more info on Peoples Park, call 510-843-8788.

Two Years of FNB/Long Beach

Yes! January 1992 marks the second year of Long Beach FNB. The first meeting took place at the park on the corner of Cherry and Broadway. The name was to be Bread Not Bombs. We didn't know much about other Food Not Bombs groups at the time, or how much better it would be to be part of the growing national network.

The first meeting was attended mostly by folks into the punk ideal, as well as a couple of folks from Cal State. One woman suggested a better picnic site, at 5th and Golden, and the first cooking took place at her house. We decided to serve every other week.

At that time, most of the food served was donated by members, and donations outside the group were scarce. But more people continued to get involved, and donations came from Farmers Market, the Unitarian Church, and the Presbyterians. The name was changed to Food Not Bombs, and we moved to another park, at Pacific and Broadway.

There are now about 30 members of Long Beach FNB. Two members have moved to Colorado and started a "Garden

Cafe," and another moved to Santa Barbara and helped start a FNB group there.

FNB was present during the 1991 anti-war protests, providing vegetarian food to protesters many times. FNbers never missed a day of protest at the Federal Building and at a recruiting center.

FNbers also have gone to Nevada Test Site twice to serve and to protest against nuclear testing on Shoshone land. Other FNbers went to the Rainbow Gathering in Vermont, and made a recent trip to Big Mountain.

We are still looking for creative ways we can get our simple, but difficult for the government to hear, message across. Our name says it! Any suggestions you may have on how to get our point heard are welcome. Write us!

by Camille, edited by GroundWork

Food Not Bombs National Contact List

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Seedling groups are currently being organized in Atlanta, GA, Charlotte, NC, Minneapolis, MN, and Rockport, IL.

GroundWork covers Food Not Bombs and other social action groups in every issue. Recent articles have focused on groups in Portland, Albuquerque, Santa Rosa, Berkeley/Oakland, Cambridge, and

San Francisco. We welcome articles, photos, and newstips — and please put us on your mailing list!



ATTRA—Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas

Sustainable Agriculture Technical Information

One major problem facing today's farmer is scarcity of appropriate information. Many farming methods and technologies that reduce production costs while protecting soils, water, and wildlife already exist and are being successfully applied across the country. But before the majority of farmers can prosper by using sustainable methods and reducing off-farm inputs, there must be open exchange of information. Farmers, community leaders, agricultural and environmental scientists, and economists all need access to timely and accurate information.

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA) has responded to this need since 1987 by providing information on a broad range of agricultural questions—from non-toxic control methods for the codling moth to sustainable fertility management. We hear from people as diverse as an extension agent in New York asking about cover crops to greenhouse operators in Texas asking about soil solarization.

Each request is referred to a technical specialist, who reviews literature in the ATTRA Resource Center, contacts research agencies, farmers and other specialists in that field, and searches available databases and other sources for information.

The response will vary, depending upon the kind of question posed. If your question is specific, you will receive a specific response having to do with your own farming operation, as well as the particular soil, climate, and market conditions you face. Responses to general questions may be answered by a prepared information package containing the latest technical information and including reprints from periodicals and books, bibliographies, database search results, and names of experts to contact for more information. Our materials range from introductory summaries to in-depth, scientific material drawn from an expanding pool of research results and practical experience.

Resource Lists

ATTRA has also developed some useful resource lists, which are frequently up-

dated. These provide contacts for organic certification programs, organic suppliers, sustainable organizations such as farmer associations and non-profits, periodicals, and educational opportunities, including internships, apprenticeships, university programs, K-12 programs, AG-SAT/video conferences, computer networks, and vid-

eos. With a staff of 23, ATTRA is located in Fayetteville, AR, on the University of Arkansas campus. Funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ATTRA is managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). NCAT, which also operates a technical information service for energy, started addressing energy issues in 1976 and has expanded to address the national need for developing a more sustainable and environmentally sensitive agriculture.



For more information on any of these topics, or to request our newsletter, just call our toll-free line at 1-800-346-9140. An ATTRA Technical Specialist is waiting for the opportunity to help you.

By Katherine Adam

Incinerator Stopped in Tennessee

Local citizens, empowered by their anger over continued corporate recklessness and by love for their children, banded together in Marion County, Tennessee, and stopped plans to build a hazardous waste incinerator there.

This rural, economically depressed county at first appeared a likely host for the incinerator. Federated Technologies, Inc., who wanted to site the facility there, had done their homework. The California Solid Waste Control Board had paid \$30,000 to a PR firm to study the best sites for such hazardous facilities. The firm's recommendations were not surprising—"Go south, young exec!" was the message. Between lack of economic opportunities, low education, a large minority population and a favorable political climate, the South and mid-West have long been considered the nation's safest dumping ground.

But all that is changing as local communities increasingly see themselves at odds with their elected representatives and are taking up the cause of the future generations. In two months, this community grew from a meeting of 12 to a rally of over 3000 to oppose the plan.

They are also reportedly not content with a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) approach, but are working to reinstate laws that were gutted on behalf of the corporations to give people more say on what happens in the state. They are also working with nearby minority neighborhoods in Mississippi to support their opposition.

Never let the power of a few committed people be underestimated.



Condensed from an article by Marilyn Williams, Rural Southern Voice for Peace, 1898 Hannah Branch Road, Burnsville NC 28714

Fifth Turtle Island Bioregional Congress



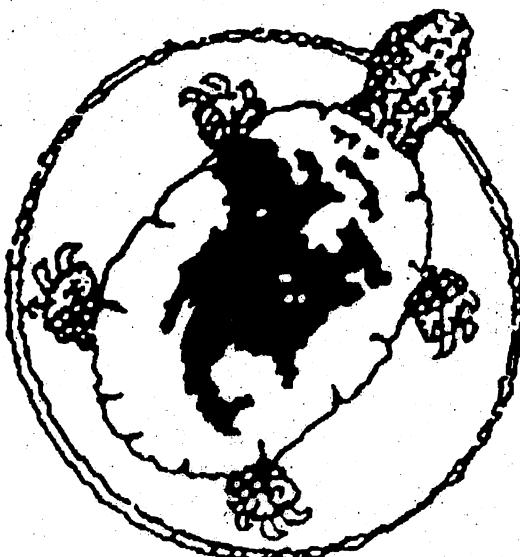
Texas gathering planned for May

The Fifth Turtle Island Bioregional Congress, a gathering of activists from across the North American continent, will be held May 17-24 in the Hill Country Bioregion, in the heart of Texas.

Bioregionalism is grounded in the notion that avoiding ecological disaster begins with identifying ourselves with local places, with other species of life, and with the life systems upon which we depend. Our economic, political and cultural processes need to be reshaped to match the life-regions which host us.

The Congress will focus on five basic areas, each of

which will have a circle formed to work on them:



- Mapping and Organization — exploring our Earth-related identity through further mapping of the continent; sharing our journeys of discovery of our own local places; suggesting patterns of bioregional activity that are appropriate for each geographical level.

- Continental Links of Communication — Examining our network of connections; clarifying further the purpose and role of the Steering Council, the Turtle Island Office, publications, and other services.

- The Bioregional Story — Communicating the unique role of the bioregional movement; looking at the past that formed us, our present identity, and our vision of the future; artfully telling the story.

- Living at Home — Seeing our daily lives as the birthplace of bioregional culture; creating a genuine place of meeting between humans and other species, elders and children, emigrant Americans and Native American cultures, individuals and community.

- Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration — Assessing past work and planning the future on what can be done to protect healthy ecosystems from devastation and initiate the recovery of devastated places; sharing workable economic designs; doing a hands-on permaculture design for the Camp Stewart Site itself.

Cultural Sharing, Youth Program

In addition, there will be cultural sharing time — stories, poems, music, dance, dramatizations, photographs, videos, exhibits, books, art, costumes, masks, and more. There will also be time for separate gatherings of men and women, which have been so popular at the last two Congresses.

There will be children's programs and youth congressing daily. Since interaction among all ages in the bioregional movement is important to the quality and future of this movement, all participants will have a chance to share the natural world

Northern Indiana Fights Hazardous Waste Incineration

Residents living in the industrial belt of Northwest Indiana suffer an immensely disproportionate amount of toxic waste being dumped on them. As these Lake Michigan shoreline cities struggle to reclaim a portion of the recreational potential of their lakefronts, industry must cooperate by pioneering and adopting stringent pollution prevention goals. Individuals attempting to locate toxic waste producing businesses in Northwest Indiana are driven solely by greed, ignorance and arrogance—the three words that best describe Rhone-Poulenc's proposal to burn 192 million pounds of hazardous waste a year in Hammond.

The Rhone-Poulenc Group is France's leading manufacturer of chemicals and pharmaceuticals with annual revenue in excess of \$12 billion and 86,000 people employed worldwide. In the United States Rhone-Poulenc employs 8,500 people on sales of over \$2 billion. In the months leading up to the debate, Rhone-Poulenc used its financial might by buying a "good

neighbor" image in the local media through full-page newspaper ads.

Representing the local residents and environmentalists opposed to Rhone-Poulenc at a recent public debate were: Dr. Paul Connett, Work-on-Waste USA; Joe Thornton, Greenpeace; Lydia Meyer, local school teacher; Terry McCloskey, local businessmen; and Grant Smith, CAC toxics coordinator. Here are just a few of the issues they raised about Rhone-Poulenc's incinerator:

- "You must assume an accident (whether it's mechanical, electrical, or human) will occur. That's why there must be a fail-safe when something goes wrong. That fail safe mechanism is a facility's siting. Even if you wanted to do this job, this ain't the place folks to do it." Paul Connett

- "By allowing companies to establish infrastructures which need and demand

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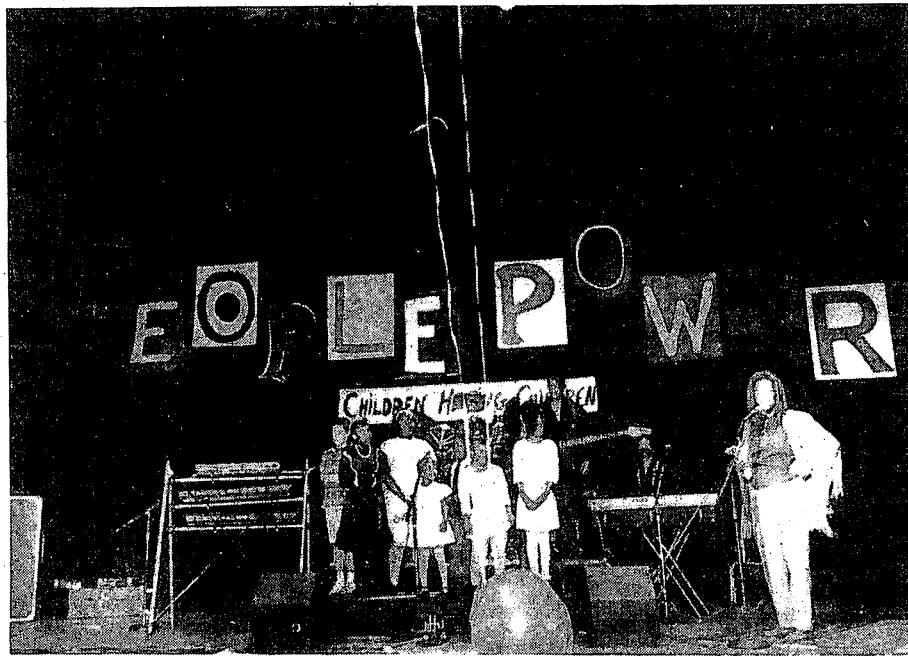
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Detroit Summer: On the Move

From July 12 to August 2, the Detroit Summer Committee will host 200 young people from around the country and 400 youth from the city to engage in projects under the leadership of community groups.

Groups are currently responding to a Call to outline projects they think will be appropriate. The Committee has asked that these projects be "do-able," visible, and have clear benefit to the community. We are considering such wide-ranging activities as creating community basketball courts and playscapes, rehabilitating houses, restoring public housing facilities for the homeless, community gardening and landscaping, public murals and art projects, theater productions, and media relations.



Activists gather at November's Peoples Festival to celebrate alliances for change in Detroit

While engaging young people in the actual reconstruction of our city, Detroit Summer is an opportunity for people who are separated by culture and distance to come to know one another, to learn about each others' lives and hopes, and to see themselves building a cooperative, compassionate and productive city that values its people and the earth.

Further, we hope that Detroit Summer will contribute to directing the attention of the nation to the plight of our cities and to the vision and the imagination of the people who live in them. It is out of such struggles that we will build new ways of living for the 21st Century.

The Detroit Summer Committee is one of the most broadly-based and diverse coalitions of city groups, activists, and neighborhood organizations to have emerged in the past few years. It reflects the widespread belief on the part of Detroiters struggling for change that we have a story to tell and ideas to share that are important not only for the rebuilding of Detroit but for cities around the country.

We are already at work soliciting projects within the many ethnic communities that make up our city, especially the African American, Mexican American, Arabic American and Eastern European groups who have distinct geographical regions within the city. We are planning on housing out of town guests with families in

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Children's activities are an important part of building alternative communities in Detroit

Greens: The Greens adopted Detroit Summer as one of their national campaigns for 1992. Help is urgently needed. See "Green News" pages for info on getting involved, or contact the Clearinghouse in Kansas City.

Reshaping the Environmental Movement

People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit

by Louis Head & Valerie Taliman

President Bush has failed to keep his promise to make protection of the environment a national priority, at a time when people of color increasingly bear a disproportionate burden of environmental degradation in the communities and workplaces, declared leaders of the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit held in Washington, DC in October, 1991.

Bush has instead continued the legacy of the Reagan Administration, demonstrating a greater commitment to protecting the petrochemical industry and large corporate interests, summit leaders said.

The summit attracted more than 600 participants. Included in that number were over 300 Native, Latino, Asian and African American delegates who came together for the first time to "reshape the environmental movement" and to call on the President and Congress to stop all policies and practices that contribute to environmental racism.

"Environmental Racism is racial discrimination in policy making, enforcement of regulations, the deliberate targeting of communities of color for toxic waste facilities and the history of excluding people of color from the leadership of the environmental movement," said Dr. Benjamin Chavis of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, which hosted the gathering."

"The actions of the Bush Administration expose the lie of the President's stated commitment to a safe environment," said Richard Moore, co-director of SWOP and a member of the summit's planning committee.

"What we are seeing is more than just an attitude or belief that our communities are expendable. We are witnessing an assault on poor people through policies which promote community and workplace hazards and a blatant refusal to enforce regulation which should be protecting us from being poisoned.

Moore's statements were echoed by many other summit participants, including

Singers from the Mohawk, Sioux, Navajo, Passamaquoddy and Seminole nations led a protest march to the steps of the Capitol where summit participants challenged

Congress to respond legislatively to "genocidal environmental racism."

Photo by Roberto Roibal.



Research Neglects Women



(HR 1161), a package of 20 pieces of legislation that deal with breast and cervical cancer prevention, health insurance for displaced homemakers and osteoporosis research and prevention. The Clinical Trials Fairness Act, one of the omnibus bills, will require the NIH to include more women and minorities in medical research. The Women's Health Research Act calls for the creation of a Women's Health Research Center.

Taken from the Newsletter of Women for Racial and Economic Equality, Summer 1991. 198 Broadway, Rm 606 New York, NY 10038.

Women's

- The National Institute of Health, the single largest source for medical research funding in the U.S., spends only 13% of its annual budget on research related to women's health.

- In 1987 the rate for caesarian sections was 23.1; over 4 times the 1971 rate of 5.8%. Medical research shows that half of all C-sections now

Health Facts

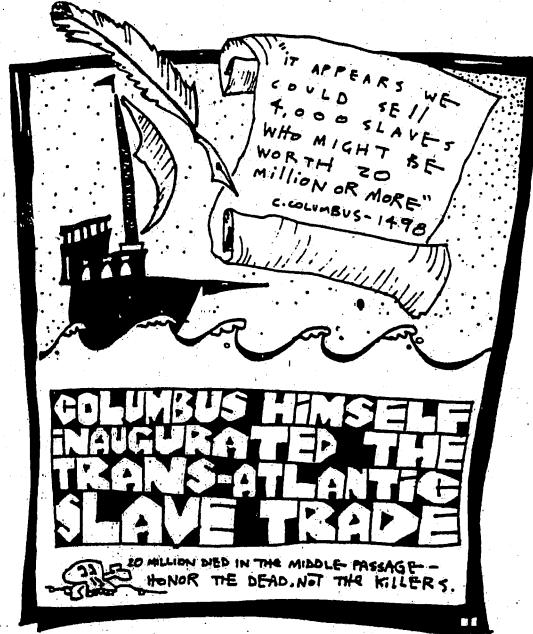
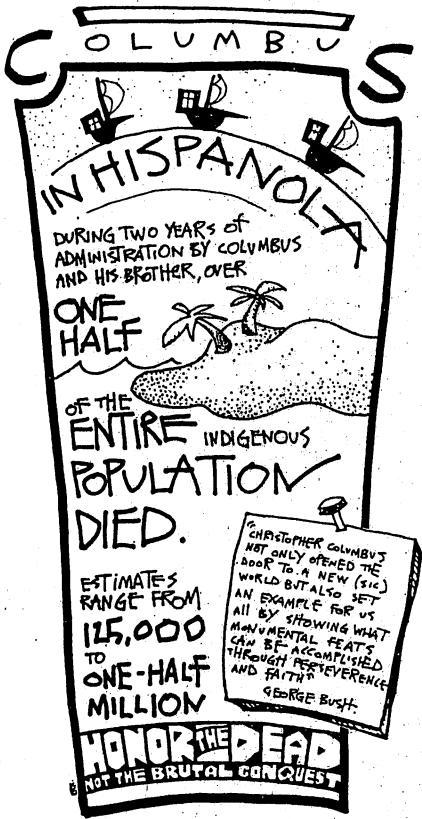
performed are unnecessary.

- In the 1970's at least 15 pharmaceutical companies researched contraceptive and abortion methods. Now, only one does, the others scared off by anti-abortion politics and the Dalkon shield disaster.

- Women with AIDS number about 15,000, 72% of whom are African American and Latina.

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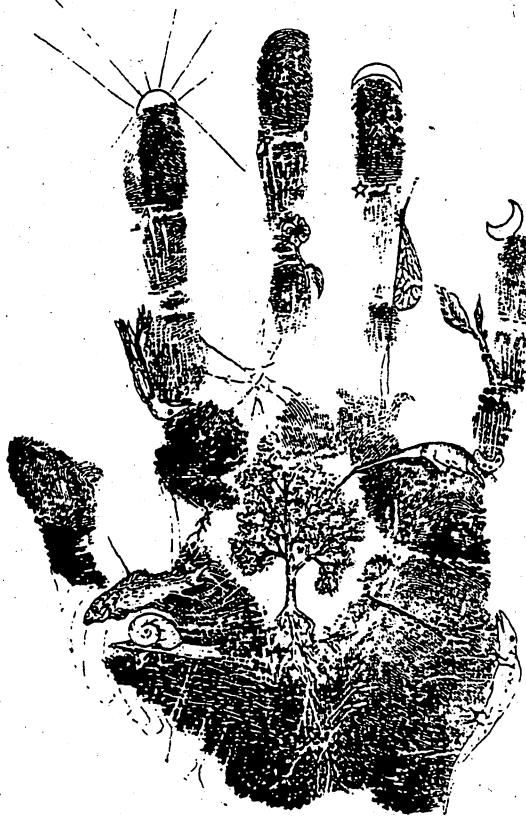


Eric Joselyn

Eric Joselyn is a Philadelphia artist who has offered a series of graphics around the theme of 500 Years of Resistance and Dignity. For a packet of Eric's graphics, write him at 4800 Pine St #402, Philadelphia PA 19143.



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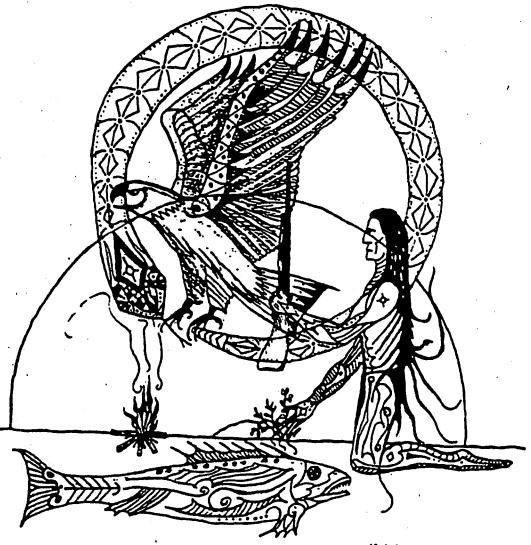
JUST LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY HANDS

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As the sound of a rattlesnake.

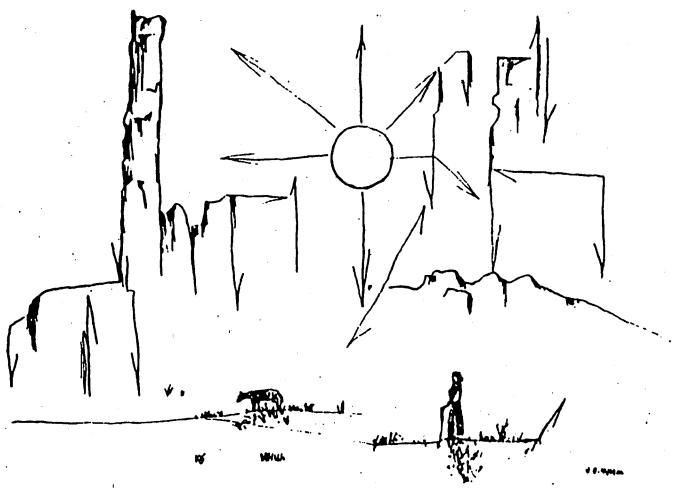
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As the bite of a beautiful red and black coral snake.

"I want my words to be as eloquent as the sound of a
rattlesnake" is a Cheyenne saying.



Jimmie Durham's art has been
featured in past issues of our
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Jimmie Durham

"I interpret the world through a Cherokee set of culture and language patterns. To me, that means, necessarily, political involvement. The Cherokee people who formed me have political and cultural resistance as one of their primary definitions of themselves, and therefore of me."



After the War, Iraq Still Bleeds

Ross Mirkarimi

BAGHDAD—On August 25, 1991, the International Commission on the Gulf Crisis (ICGC), a team of 36 scientists, attorneys, economists, public health specialists and naturalists from universities and nonprofit organizations in Britain, Canada, Jordan and the US, arrived in Iraq to conduct a follow-up study to the post-war investigations sponsored last May by Harvard University, UNICEF, Oxfam International and others. The ICGC's inspectors visited 30 of Iraq's major cities to survey the impact of the Gulf War on the environment, agriculture, children, women, economy, health, electricity and water resources. We were in Iraq for 15 days and in Jordan for one week.

Despite what I knew about the destructive force of US weapons, I had yet to actually comprehend the magnitude of the destruction that had been inflicted on Iraq and neighboring Kuwait. Considering the overwhelming extent of the devastation and the lack of time, our first chore was to identify what damage was the result of past conflicts or civil strife and what was clearly a consequence of the war. Our next objective was to identify those environmental impacts that most affected the Iraqis' quality of life i.e., deteriorating food supplies, poor water quality and quantity, and inadequate sanitation.

Children have been among the war's greatest victims. Death rates for children under the age of five have risen 390 percent over pre-war levels. An estimated 900,000 children, nearly a third of Iraq's youth, now suffer from malnutrition. Typhoid, gastroenteritis and cholera are epidemic and meningitis and hepatitis rates are up a hundred-fold in some areas. Malaria and polio are returning to threaten Iraqi children.

The psychological scars are equally devastating. Nearly two-thirds of all the children interviewed said they believed they would never live to become adults. Nearly 80 percent had experienced shelling at close range; 26 percent lost their homes to allied bombing; 13 percent had been shot at and 13.5 percent had been wounded. Forty-four percent of the chil-

dren had lost members of their families in the war.

ICGC investigators visited 21 power plants, thermal power generators and hydroelectric dams that had been attacked, half of them on the very first day of the war. Many had been struck repeatedly by cruise missiles and cluster bombs. Several power plants still bore the marks of 20 or more bomb craters, some more than 26 feet deep. Bombed floodgates contributed to widespread flooding of croplands, causing crop loss and increased soil salinity. The bombing of the Kit Dam killed thousands of two-foot-long native shabut fish.

Contaminated drinking water

Team members collected drinking water samples at 158 randomly selected households in all 18 governorates of Iraq. As a result of the war, most of Iraq's population of 18 million is directly exposed to a variety of water-borne disease. Each sample was tested for both coliform and fecal coliform contamination. Roughly 80 percent of the water samples showed evidence of gross fecal contamination.

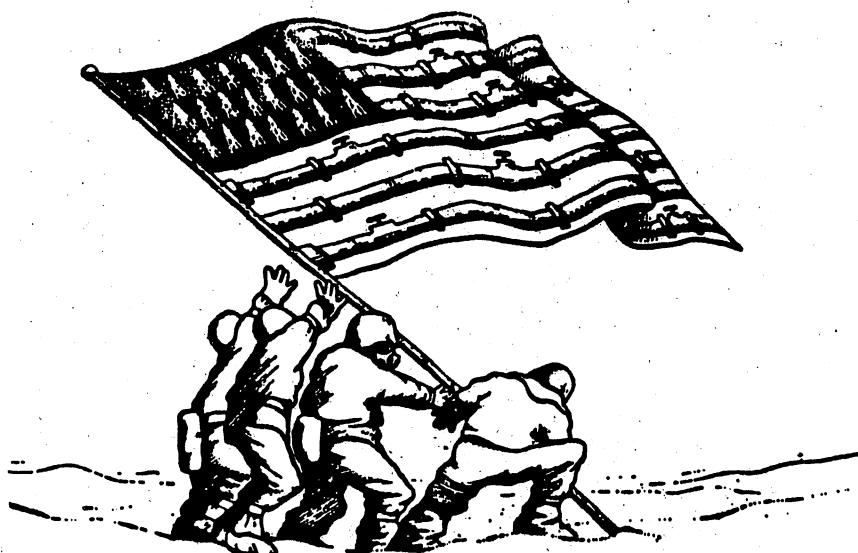
Over 60 percent of the people in half the governorates surveyed no longer have tap water available in their homes because of low water pressure. UN sanctions pro-

hibit the Iraqis from purchasing the spare parts needed to repair electrical power supplies and broken water pipes.

Prior to the Gulf war, Iraq produced enough food for approximately 30 percent of its population and imported the remaining 70 percent primarily from the United States. Iraq's main crops were wheat, maize, barley, rice, fruits and vegetables.

As a result of the war, the nation's agriculture has been devastated. Because factories were destroyed or disabled by a lack of electricity, there are practically no seeds, fertilizers, pesticides or spare parts for farm machinery. We estimated that 80 to 85 percent of Iraq's July 1991 harvest was ruined. This depleted food supply would be sufficient to feed only 13 to 15 percent of the population. Because of the lack of supplies and the UN sanctions, the outlook for the 1992 harvest looks even gloomier. These problems are compounded by food costs that have risen as much as 2000 percent, while real earnings now average only 7 percent of pre-war levels.

More than half of Iraq's livestock population of cows, buffalo, goats and sheep has perished as a result of bombings, the spread of livestock diseases, the lack of veterinary medicine and the theft of livestock to supply the black market.





Crop destruction

During an inspection of the Taumeeen Governorate, we estimated that 75-80 percent of the crops had been destroyed by the war. We discovered that farmlands, grain silos, food factories, homes and the Dibble Water Treatment Station had been directly bombed. In Kirkuk, I encountered four farmers who lost their farms to Allied bombings and visited three barns that had been destroyed by bombs. Shrapnel marks from exploding cluster bombs were still visible. Between them the farmers told us they had lost 190 cows, more than 400 sheep and goats and an unknown number of poultry. There were no military targets within a radius of 15 kilometers of these farms.

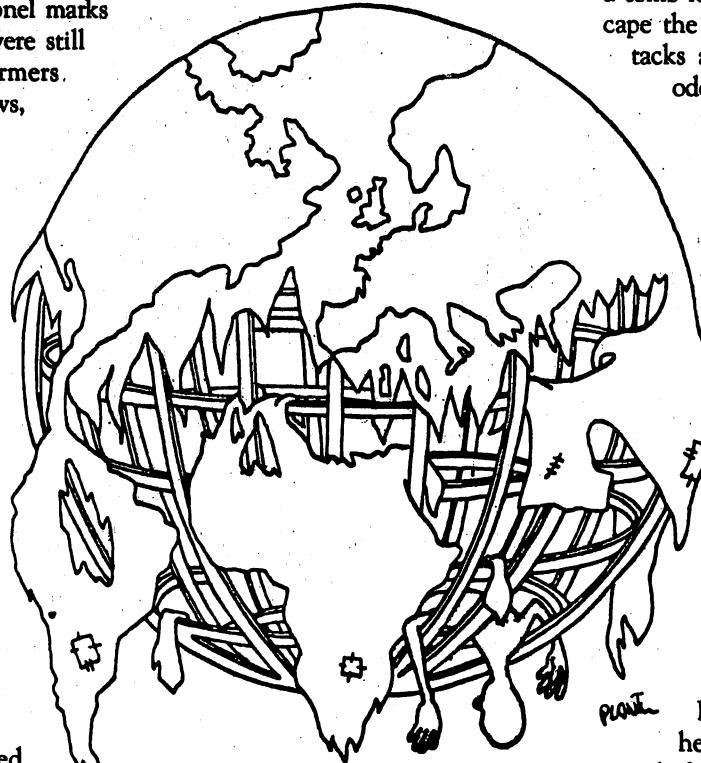
Many of Iraq's textile factories and oil storage refineries were bombed during the Gulf war. These attacks created clouds of toxic pollution that forced the evacuation of hundreds of people. The contamination also killed countless birds, destroyed marine life and caused the deaths of deer and elk in the north. Crops were poisoned by the black rains that fell from the smoke-filled skies. In Kirkuk, we learned that thousands of fish had died where untreated wastes and pollution from burning factories poured into the rivers.

During the course of the war and shortly thereafter, burning factories emitted tons of heavy metals and potentially carcinogenic chemicals into the atmosphere. The worst single case of environmental contamination resulting from the war apparently occurred in southern Iraq.

On January 17, the first day of the war, the Basra Oil Refinery was attacked. Forty days before the Pentagon would announced that retreating Iraqi forces had set fire to more than 600 Kuwaiti oil wells, allied bombers targeted Basra's huge oil facility, hitting it with cluster bombs and setting it aflame. Some workers and family members in nearby homes were killed by

the bombs. Others died in the clouds of suffocating smoke that poured from the massive fires.

ICGC team members in Basra reported that a 1.5 square-mile area is still contaminated with an estimated 250,000 cubic meters (8.8 million cubic feet) of spilled oil. A huge, standing lake of oil still remains, polluting ground water that is critical for irrigation.



Despite this environmental health hazard, the air quality is still not being monitored. The Iraqi government knows that it must either allow its damaged factories to pollute because it cannot obtain the simple pollution control technology it had before the war, or shut the factories down and risk further economic collapse.

Roughly four million nomads reside in western Iraq, one of the areas of the war's most intense fighting. The desert landscape is now covered with tons of war debris, abandoned tanks, unexploded ordnance and toxic materials such as heavy metals. Anti-tank shells containing depleted uranium litter the desert. The delicate desert ecosystem has been severely

damaged.

While our attempts to investigate the environmental consequences of the bombing of the Iraqi's chemical and nuclear weapons plants were thwarted, on a side trip to Halabja outside the Gulf war zone we uncovered a basement that had become a tomb for a family of six that tried to escape the Iraqi government's chemical attacks against the Kurds in 1988. The odor of the nerve gas was still detectable. Even with a respirator and protective clothing, I could feel that these chemical agents were still active three years after they had been used.

We left Iraq with more questions than answers. One question that we all pondered was who was the victor and who the vanquished in the Gulf conflict? Saddam Hussein and his beleaguered military officers are exempt from the suffering imposed on the populace by the UN sanctions. The war has caused grave damage to Iraq's environment and public health and there seems to be no relief in sight. While the world waits for United Nations Environment Programme, the UN and the US Congress to publish their findings on the Gulf war's toll, thousands of Iraqi civilians will continue to die.

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Faces Of Courage And Hope:

David Hartsough

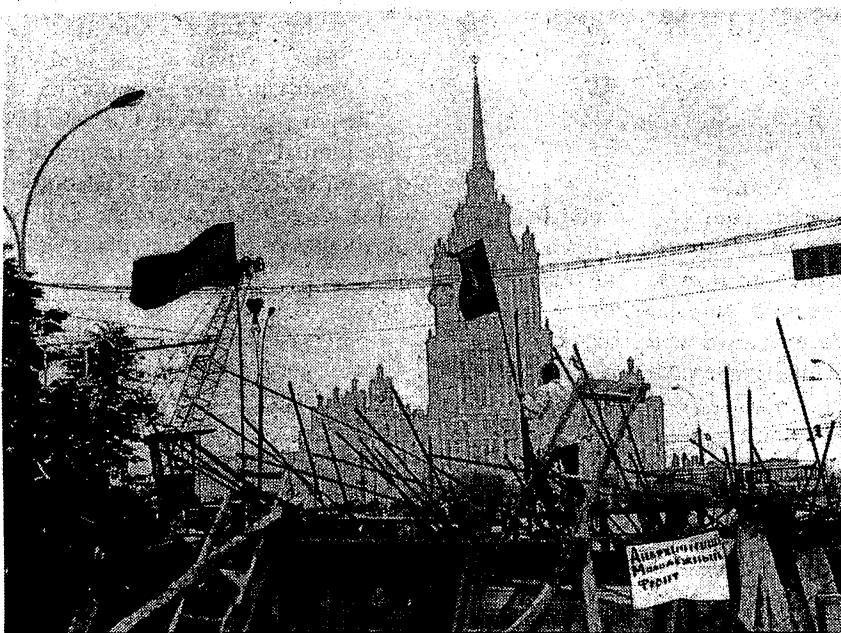
Many say Boris Yeltsin was the key figure in the overthrow of the August coup in Moscow. President Bush claims he deserves the credit (because he "stood up" to Saddam Hussein). As a result of discussions with many Russian citizens in late August and early September, I believe that the tens of thousands of courageous Russian citizens who risked their lives standing up for their beliefs in democracy, freedom and human dignity, and nonviolently resisting and non-cooperating with illegitimate authority defeated the coup.

Imagine, if you can, waking up the morning of August 19 and seeing thousands of Soviet tanks occupying Moscow. Let me share the stories of some of these courageous people with you.

Thousands of people all over Moscow gathered their courage and went out into the streets, surrounded the tanks and greeted the soldiers in the tanks with cakes, cigarettes



The world's second most powerful military power was overcome by a people armed with their courage and their convictions.



The people built physical barricades of trolley cars, buses, old pieces of metal and box springs around the White House — not so much because that would stop the tanks more than a few minutes, but to enable them to enter into dialogue with the attacking soldiers.

and roses and entered into dialogue with them. People knocked on the tanks and said to the soldiers, "Why are you here? Who gave you orders to bring these tanks into Moscow? Why are you going to shoot on people? Who are you going to shoot?"

Mothers and girls gave the soldiers cakes, food, kisses and flowers and asked them not to kill their mothers and brothers and sisters. One friend brought a lot of roses and distributed them to the soldiers and gave them a hug saying, "Don't shoot, be kind to the people." Faced with this kind of interaction with the people they had been ordered to attack, the soldiers became very dispirited.

A friend, Valya, who had a young daughter, and her mother felt it was crucial to be at the barricades to nonviolently resist the military attack against the parliament building. They believed that whichever one of them was at the barricades at the time of the military attack would be killed. But they knew that this was a critical moment in history and they had found something they were willing to die for. Valya and her mother took turns at the "White House" (parlia-



Resistance to the Soviet Coup

ment building) so if one of them was killed, the other one would be left to bring up their young daughter/granddaughter.

Between 10,000 and 40,000 people like Valya and her mother surrounded the Russian parliament building for three days and nights, August 19-21 (much of this time in driving rain). They linked arms forming a nonviolent human barricade between the parliament building and the thousands of Soviet tanks and tens of thousands of soldiers who had been ordered into Moscow to defend the new "order" of the coup leaders. The people called themselves the "Living Ring, The Defenders of the White House of Russia."

Barricades and Nonviolence

The people built physical barricades of trolley cars, buses, old pieces of metal and box springs around the White House — not so much because that would stop the tanks more than a few minutes, but to enable them to enter into dialogue with the attacking soldiers about what they were doing, and to persuade them to discontinue the attack.

Women at the barricades kept encouraging everyone to "Keep nonviolent. Don't hurt the soldiers. They are our sons and brothers. We are asking the soldiers to change their minds and not to wage war with us." Ruzanna, Chair of the Russian Peace Society, said at the barricades, "We women must be the first to meet the soldiers with words of kindness. We are standing not for struggle, but for peace. Our goal is nonviolence, our arms are words and kindness." Ruzanna added, "We shouldn't be frightened of anything. Our people are around us. We are defending justice, legality and freedom." The official policy at the "Living Ring" was to strongly discourage violence to the soldiers and to try to win them over.

Multitudes of people refused to obey the curfew on the crucial night of August 20-21. Public transit continued to run. It felt like most of Moscow was on the streets. This mass disobedience was a tremendous psychological blow to the coup leaders.

In Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), Mayor Sobchak went on TV the first day of the coup and encouraged people to come to the Palace Square the next day. Not many

people were able to see that on TV, but people spread the word every way they could. One friend, Volodya, made 100 calls and encouraged each person he called to do the same. 400,000 people showed up the next day. At first people were afraid. What would

knowledgeable about nonviolent civilian base defense to help train the 10,000 members of Living Ring so they can better defend their society against future coup attempts by the old guard. If we can all do what the Russian people seem to have learned so well,



Thousands of people formed a "Living Ring" to defend Parliament, "The Russian White House" from August 19-21.

it mean to confront the tanks? But gradually as people saw how many other people there were, they found courage and gradually came to feel that they had already won - they had lost their fear.

The people won and defeated the coup because hundreds of thousands of people had decided they would not cooperate with illegitimate authority. They had lost of overcome their fear and the threats by the new government could no longer subdue the people into submission and cooperation. The world's second most powerful military power was overcome by a people armed with their courage and their convictions, people who were no longer willing to cooperate with illegitimate 'authority' or be scared into submission by threats of death or imprisonment.

The Living Ring has invited Americans

dictatorial, oppressive and imperialistic governments won't have much chance in this world.

David Hartsough, a Friend and long time staff member of the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco and organizer of many nonviolent campaigns over the past thirty years, recently returned from several weeks in what was the Soviet Union with Pacific yearly Meeting's Friends Peace Tour. He is continuing consulting and training with the "Living Ring" in nonviolent civilian based defense. Tax deductible contributions are welcome to support follow-up projects in Russia. Checks can be made out to Pacific yearly Meeting East-West Committee, earmarked Nonviolent training, and sent to David Hartsough, 721 Shrader St., San Francisco, CA 94117.



Hard times for refugees

Juergen Maier

Hardly anyone in West Germany ever had heard of Hoyerswerda, a small town in Saxony near the Polish border. Now

Resentment increased sharply when the federal government decided that refugees seeking asylum would no longer be distrib-



Hoyerswerda has become a symbol for the rise of neo-nazi violence against foreigners in reunified Germany. Repeated bloody attacks against refugee hostels by skinhead mobs, supported by a large part of the city's population, resulted in evacuating foreigners from the town.

In recent months, an escalating wave of extreme right wing violence has spread across Germany, accompanied by a wave of political instigation against refugees and immigrants by the established political parties. Between January and September 1991 there were 447 attacks, resulting in 4 killed and 168 injured.

Immigrants from third world countries such as Vietnam and Mozambique already were subject to violent attacks in East Germany shortly after the downfall of the Honecker regime—though the whole former GDR never had more immigrants than in one single big West German city, such as West Berlin or Frankfurt. But even this relatively small number was carefully separated from the German population and normally rotated after a few years. With economic hardship, unemployment and skyrocketing prices following the monetary and political union, immigrants quickly became easy scapegoats for many disappointed East Germans.

uted only among the western states of the Federal Republic. Decades of authoritarian regimes and cultural isolation behind the wall produced fertile ground for neo-nazi and extreme right ideologies in the former GDR. This is true particularly for socialist model cities of the former regime, such as Hoyerswerda: grey deserts of concrete without any atmosphere of its own. German TV shocked its audience with a live broadcast from Hoyerswerda's Market Square with cheering neo-nazi crowds trying to interfere with the broadcasting.

The police have so far been unable to stop this wave of violence or even to protect refugee hostels. The number of skinheads arrested is so minute that even persons that publicly say I have done it and will do it again are not detained. Police, government and domestic intelligence systematically play down this phenomenon. Federal General Prosecutor von Stahl even went so far as to state that unlike radical anti-vivisectionists this violence is unorganized crime and not terrorism or even a political phenomenon.

However, the real problem is not necessarily just these physical attacks by skinheads and fascists. Since August German politics has been dominated by a concerted campaign against the right to asylum and immigrants in general. Almost every part of the media, reactionary tabloid papers as well as more serious center-left papers echoed the claim that Germany was invaded by mock refugees, economic refugees that are not politically persecuted but simply want to participate in Germany's wealth. Prejudices and xenophobic sentiments are fueled by headlines about the abuse of the right to political asylum, etc. The ruling Christian Democrats even launched a poster campaign Stop Abuse of Political Asylum. The leaders of the ruling coalition parties and the opposition SPD recently agreed to curb the right to asylum further; in all parties the call

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Peace Process in the Sahara

The Independent Socialist Republic of the Sahara is a small country in northern Africa. A former Spanish colony, it was literally abandoned in 1975 rather than decolonialized. Since 1975, it has been at war with Morocco, which claims the tiny desert country. Morocco's bloody dictatorship has received little attention in the U.S. The Saharan republic has tried to survive both military aggression and underdevelopment.

After years of continuing war, it is evident that a military solution is im-

possible. Finally, a political solution was reached under U.N. auspices. All sides had agreed to a referendum to choose between independence and annexation by Morocco, by February 1992. However no referendum has been held. An invasion by Morocco is likely. Morocco, a key supporter of Bush's Gulf War policies, is under no U.N. pressure to hold the referendum. Under the new world order, not all rights to self-determination are created equal.

by Aurora Brizio

Spanish Activists Plan Counter-500 Years Actions



As North, Central and South Americans organize around the theme of 500 Years of Resistance and Dignity, activists in Spain are preparing their own counter-events to the Spanish government's official celebrations of the "discovery" of the western hemisphere.

GroundWork's Madrid correspondent, Aurora Bricio, reports that the Spanish government has succeeded in garnering the international limelight in 1992 by sponsoring the Summer Olympics (in Barcelona) and a World Exposition (in Seville), in addition to the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Spanish-sponsored voyages of Columbus.

Spanish organizers are focusing on all three of these occasions:

- At the opening of the Seville World Expo, April 18-24, there will be an international solidarity meeting, including an encampment, exhibits, workshops, etc; a "peace navy" type action, with protesters' boats sailing up the Guadalquivir River to intercept official events; and a Peoples Tribunal on the American Conquest and International Rights.
- The Homosexual Organizations National Coordination for 1992 will meet in Madrid April 24-26. A demonstration is planned.

- Actions against the Alto Velocidad/High Velocity Train are planned in Madrid April 19.
- Demonstrations against the pro-Northern countries of the Rio de Janeiro Conference (ECO '92) are planned for Madrid in June.
- Actions and rallies against the attempt to increase Spanish economic influence in Latin America during the Iberoamerican Conference of Foreign Ministers in Madrid in July.
- A variety of protests against the corporate-inundated Olympic games in July

in Barcelona.

- An Alternative World Energy Conference (AWEC '92) is planned in Madrid September 19-21, during the official World Energy Conference.
- An international conference on social organizations will be held in Madrid in October, as well as events and protests around the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyages.

Thanks to Aurora Bricio. For information on any of these events, contact GroundWork, PO Box 14141, San Francisco CA 94114.



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to scrap the constitution's clause guaranteeing political asylum to people that are politically persecuted is growing. This whole debate about the boat being full is essentially the bureaucratic version of the Foreigners Out slogans of ugly skinhead mobs—and is fueling their support among ordinary citizens.

The condemnation of violence and arson attacks is unequivocal across the political spectrum. Churches, trade unions, the president, politicians of all parties went on record complaining about inhuman hatred. Hans Peter Stihl, president of the German Association of Trade and Industry, warned: "Apart from moral condemnation abroad, this could result in economic consequences.

Millions of jobs depend on the export of our goods and services." Even Gerhard Frey, führer of the fascist German People's Union (DVU), could be seen on TV opposing violence—quite hypocritically. When everybody condemns violence, who complains about the non-violent way of getting refugees out?

On the left, there is still not much of an organized political campaign against this racist wave. The three political parties left of the center, the Social Democrats (SPD), the Greens and the former East German Communist Party (Party for Democratic Socialism, PDS) so far have not been issuing much more than press releases and parliamentary speeches. More outspoken so far have been the trade unions and churches, but it is now

mainly just concerned citizens who do something against the extreme right violence themselves rather than waiting for some organization.

Citizens living near refugee hostels have set up protection committees and telephone chains to prevent further arson attacks. Demonstrations and other activities taking place in many cities are often initiated by newly-formed civic coalitions against racism and fascism, with the parties trailing behind.

However, the credibility of the political parties is rather low in the whole debate. Since accommodation and financial support for the refugees is largely a responsibility of the states, state governments are now spear

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TO EQUALIZE POWER AMONG US

We Need to Keep Ourselves in Check in Whatever Ways We Have Privilege

Margo Adair & Sharon Howell

Despite our best intentions we find, more often than not, that we duplicate the patterns of power we find so abhorrent in dominant culture. Following are some guidelines to help us equalize relations. Privilege is invisible to those who have it. To create a context which embraces diversity, in which no one is marginalized, a conscious and ongoing effort is required. By noticing and changing what we take for granted, we make room for everyone's contribution. This list is offered as a way to help privileged group members reflect on their own behavior:

In The Ways We've Been Oppressed

In addition to keeping ourselves in check regarding whatever ways we possess privilege, it is vital that we stop constraining ourselves—stop keeping ourselves in check, in the particular ways that relate to how we have experienced being an "outsider." We have to take the risk of putting our experience into the center. We can no longer afford to collude with our own oppression by accommodating and/or not acknowledging our own power. It is our experience that is needed to inform and shape the politics.

It is also important to remember that offensive behavior is not necessarily calculated to protect power. It is often simply a result of ignorance. Those with privilege have never needed to understand the experience of others. They are frequently oblivious of how their behavior reinforces the status quo.

- Do take responsibility to learn about the history, culture and struggles of other groups as told by them.
- Do make sure the context welcomes everyone's voice and listen.
- Do appreciate efforts to point out mistakes. (You must be doing something right, or no one would bother to tell you what's wrong.)
- Do expect discomfort when relating to people different from yourself.
- Do address the many dimensions of accessibility, including such things as money, space, transportation, child-care and language.
- Do notice what you expect from and assume about others, and note what experiences formed your ideas.
- Do name unacknowledged realities, so that the parameters of the situation expand to include everyone's experience.
- Do remember that others speak about more than the conditions of their own group.
- Do regard people as whole human beings with families, interests and ideas beyond those of the particular task.
- Do take responsibility for equalizing power.
- Do name dominating behavior when you see it.
- Do encourage pride in your own and other's ancestry and history.
- Do understand individuals in the context of their social history.
- Do look for political differences rather than personality conflicts.
- Do ask questions.
- Do struggle over matters of principle and politics.
- Do respect disagreements.
- Do make accessible all information and so others can decide if they are interested.
- Do appreciate the risk a person takes in sharing their experience with you.
- Do take risks.
- Do trust others.

The above has been excerpted from the pamphlet entitled *Breaking Old Patterns Weaving New Ties: Alliance Building* by Adair & Howell
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for a copy of the pamphlet send \$5. to Tools for Change (or send \$9. and also receive their pamphlet: *The Subjective Side of Politics*.)



Conferences & Calls to Action

New Mexico: Witness at Trinity: Stop Nuclear Testing and Proliferation.

Trinity, near Albuquerque, New Mexico, was the site of the first atomic bomb test. On April 4-5 there will be a pilgrimage to pray for an end to nuclear testing and proliferation. Vigils will be held at the Trinity site and in Albuquerque on April 4. On April 5, there will be a teach-in and a presidential candidate forum. The event is sponsored by a coalition of religious and peace groups. For more information, contact PO Box 1105, Auburn WA 98071-1105.



Alliance for Cultural Democracy

The Alliance for Cultural Democracy will hold its next national conference, "Recordemos: Remember," May 22-25, in Atlanta. For more information, call 404-622-9970.



Wisconsin: Mother's Day: In the Winter of Our Dissidence.

Join us Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, for speakers, children's activities, theatre, music, rally, and direct action. May 9 at Anathoth Community; May 10 at Project ELF. For more info contact Nuke-watch, 608-256-4146, PO Box 2658, Madison WI 53701-2658.



Men and Masculinity: National Organization of Men Against Sexism

"Coming Home to New Families," the 17th National Conference on Men and Masculinity, will be held July 9-12 in Chicago.

The Conference is pro-feminist, gay-affirmative, and aims to enhance men's lives. With the participation of hundreds of men and women, we will look at what family means. The conference's goal is to show how everyone can benefit from the personal and political changes that the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) is working towards.

NOMAS supports men who are challenging the myths of traditional masculinity and working for positive changes in men's lives. Participation and membership signifies your belief that men can make a difference in the creation of an equal and just society.

You can become involved in NOMAS through annual conferences, the many task groups, and other organizational work. The collective efforts of NOMAS remind us that we are not alone in working to bring about change.

For more information on NOMAS and the National Conference, write Men & Masculinity 17, PO Box 43714, Tucson AZ 85733-3714, or call 602-881-0991.

Lesbian and Gay Health Conference

The 14th National Lesbian and gay Health Conference and the 10th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum will be held in Los Angeles July 8-12, 1992. The events will be at the LA Airport Hilton and Towers.

The overall theme will be "Making Health Care Human: The Impact of Age, Gender and Race." A special educational track at the conference will be devoted to "Strategies for Inclusion—Responding to the Changing Face of AIDS."

For more information, write to NLGHF Registration, c/o The George Wash-

ington University Medical Center, Office of Continuing Medical Education, 2300 K Street NW, Washington DC 20037.



Bohemian Grove

The annual protest at Bohemian Grove will be held July 18, 1992. Co-sponsored by Bohemian Grove Action Network, the Sonoma County Rainbow Greens, and the International Indian Treaty Council, this year's event will focus on Resistance: the 500 Years of Resistance and Dignity, Tax Resistance, and Draft Resistance.

Bohemian Grove is the site of an annual week-plus gathering of the corporate and government male elite of this country. Past and present presidents and high-ranking cabinet officials, plus the most prominent members of interlocking directorates of America's most powerful corporations, gather annually to escape their arduous responsibilities.

A highlight of the elite's gathering is the "cremation of care," a ritual in which the cares of the world (ironically largely of their own making) are burned in effigy. In response to this celebration of irresponsibility, protesters stage an annual "Resurrection of Care" near the main gate, as well as maintaining vigils as the elite arrive and depart the secluded Grove.

The Bohemian Grove Action Network has sponsored protests at the Grove for over a decade, and has compiled a slide show and other documentation on the membership and the wheelings and dealings of the Grove members. For more information on the protests or the slide show, contact BGAN at 707-545-8426 or 707-874-2248.



Brian Tokar's *The Green Alternative*

New Edition of a Green Classic

The Green Alternative: Creating an Ecological Future by Brian Tokar will be available in a second edition this spring. This new, fully-revised and up-to-date edition of a green classic is written by one of North America's most tireless green activists, who was one of the keynote speakers at the 1991 Green Gathering.

Box 1916, San Pedro CA 90733. Full bookstore discounts are available.



The book contains chapters such as: "What does it mean to be green?" "We're all part of nature," "Where did the green movement come from?" "Ecology," "Social Justice," "Democracy in politics and in the economy," "Toward a world of peace and nonviolence," and "How can we create a green future?"

The Green Alternative is available from the Greens Clearinghouse, PO Box 30208, Kansas City MO 64112, or direct from the publisher, R & E Miles, PO

500 Years of Chicano History in Pictures—see pages 12-13



• *Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh*, by Helena Norberg-Hodge, Preface by the Dalai Lama with a foreword by Peter Matthiessen. Ladakh or "Little Tibet," a wildly beautiful desert land high in the western Himalayas, is home to one of the last traditional cultures to remain essentially uninfluenced by the Western world. Isolated for centuries beyond high mountains, the Ladakhis' culture is a richly-textured Buddhist culture—and their home, a prosperous Shangri-la despite the harsh environment from which it springs. However, in 1974, when the Indian government's policy changed to allow a booming tourist trade, "progress" began to impact the delicate balance of this paradise, bringing with it the unforeseen side effects of modernization.

Appalled at the negative changes, Ms. Norberg-Hodge helped establish the Ladakh Project, which seeks sustainable solutions to preserve cultural values and environmental health while facilitating the Ladakhis' hunger for modernization. \$25 cloth, 224 pages, 6x9, 30 black and white photographs. 1 map, 20 illustrations, index. Available at bookstores or by direct mail from: Sierra Club Store Orders, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 (Prepaid orders only. Enclose \$25 plus \$4.50 for postage and handling. California residents include applicable sales tax).

Note: Helena Norberg-Hodge was interviewed about Ladakh and "Progress" in the Spring 1990 issue. Reprints available for \$1.

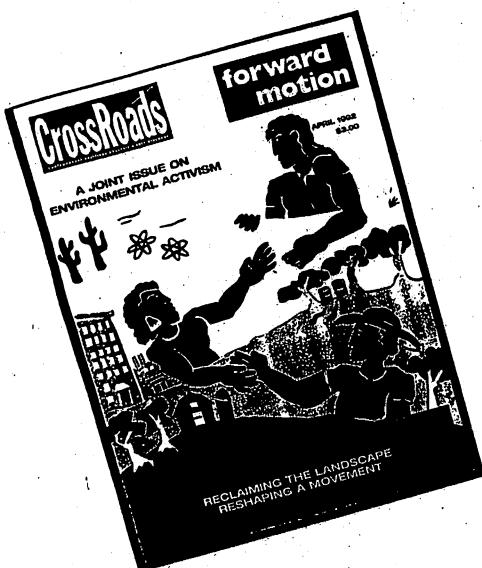
by Helen Vidal



Towards a Pro-Feminist Men's Movement

Against the Tide: Pro-Feminist Men in the United States, 1776-1990 edited by Thomas Mosmiller and Michael S. Kimmel (Beacon Press).

Against the Tide documents the historical tradition of pro-feminist men in the United States. Mosmiller and Kimmel provide an important resource for men who care about women and social justice. Writings, letters, and speeches by men such as Walt Whitman, Thomas Paine, Jesse Jackson, Upton Sinclair, Frederick Douglass, and Alan Alda reveal a rich tradition of men fighting for women's rights. This book is a must for any man who has felt guilty about coming from a place of patriarchal privilege.



Crossroads and *Forward Motion* magazines have produced a special joint issue on environmental racism. Featuring articles by two dozen activists from every part of the environmental and social justice movements, this special issue takes a major step toward "Reclaiming the Landscape, Reshaping a Movement." Available for \$3 plus postage from Institute for Social and Economic Studies, PO Box 2809, Oakland CA 94609.

Of War and Peace

• *War on the Land, Ecology and Politics in Central America*, by Bill Weinberg, Zed Books Limited. Published in 1991, much of the research for this book was undertaken during two extended periods when the author was living in Central America, first in 1984-85 and then in 1986-87. In the preface, the author wishes for the book to be but a small step in the direction of

"If I could have only one book on Central America..."

helping Central American nations find "a mode of development that will both feed people and protect wilderness."

In fact, *War on the Land* takes a giant step in the direction of informing the reader how the wars, the ecocide, the pillaging of the land, the economic inequities, have

come about. Part I, "Prelude to Crisis," is an historical and geographical format preparing one for Part II, a well-documented route through each of the Central American nations. Finally, Part III looks "Towards a Solution."

There are no frills; every sentence tells you something; and if I could have only one book about Central America—its history, its bioregions, the raping of its people and land, and the possibilities for liberation of the people and their environment—this would be it.

by Helen Vidal

• *Conditions of Peace: an Inquiry*, (EX-PRO Press, 254 pp) edited by Michael Shuman and Julia Sweig. *Conditions of Peace* is the culmination of nine years of work by the Exploratory Project on the Conditions of Peace (EX-PRO). It contains five original essays on what EX-PRO re-

gards as the essential components of a peace system—military security, participatory democracy, ecological balance, economic justice, and community. The book is an original approach towards dismantling the war system.

• *The Last Conquistador: Juan de Oñate and the Settling of the Far Southwest*, by Marc Simmons Univ. of Oklahoma Press (Western Biographies, Vol 2), June 1991. Illustrated, with maps, index, \$24.95. The history of hostile relations between New Mexico's Native Americans and their Hispanic conquerors is the subtext to this biography of the life of Oñate, a Mexican of Basque descent who spent the years 1598 to 1607 exploring the Southwest from his colonial base in San Gabriel, New Mexico.

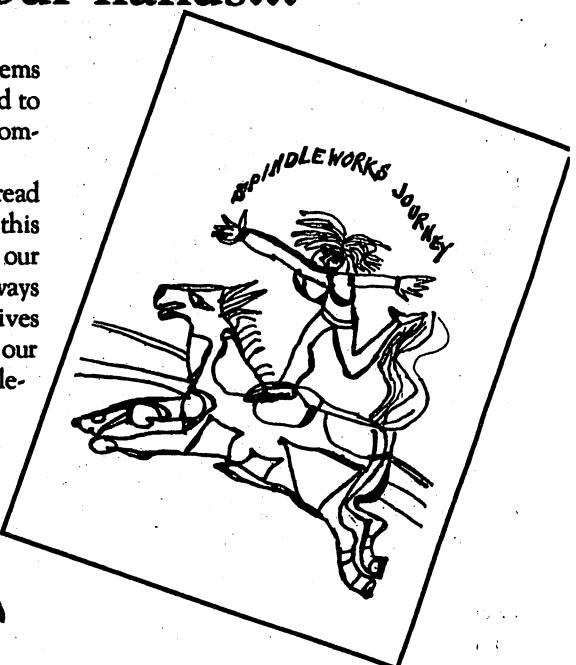
"We speak with our eyes, our hands..."

Spindleworks Journey, published in 1991 by Spindleworks, 76 Maine Street, Brunswick, ME 04011, \$7.95. *Spindleworks Journey* is a collection of poems and graphics by two dozen members of Spindleworks, an arts workshop for adults with multiple disabilities.

At Spindleworks, and in the community, the Spindleworkers are seen as artists of great ability. Part of the work involves developing self-advocacy through lan-

guage—encouraging people to write poems about their lives, feelings, opinions, and to create a conversation with the larger community.

Most of the Spindleworkers don't read or "write." But as the introduction to this volume says, "We speak with our eyes, our hands, our hearts. We speak with the ways our bodies move, and the ways our lives become art.... We invite you to read our book. We invite you to come to Spindle-



works and look around, meet the artists, share in our work."

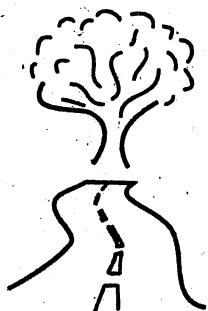
The book is a testament to obstacles overcome, as Rita Langlois' two line poem "Handicap" captures:

I heard about it
But I ain't got it now.

Announcements

The Alliance for a Paving Moratorium is part of a coalition that is calling for the immediate removal of air-conditioner coolant from cars. Auto air conditioners are the biggest single source in the world of CFCs, the principle group of gases destroying Earth's ozone layer, which filters out ultraviolet radiation.

The Alliance for a Paving Moratorium sprang from the premise that a "conservation revolution" similar to the industrial revolution is needed if we and other species are to survive. Launched in 1990, the Alliance is a diverse and rapidly growing movement of grassroots community groups, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals. Under this moratorium, existing pavement will be maintained for as long as nec-



essary. Road widenings will be prohibited, but pavement for new bike and foot paths will be allowed. New logging roads in national and state forests will also be prohibited, and those already in existence will be evaluated for closure. Headquarters: P.O. Box 8558 Fredericksburg, VA 22404. Phone (703) 371-0222 or Fax (703) 371-0646 for more information. Alliance for a Paving Moratorium is a project of Fossil Fuels Policy Action Institute, a nonprofit organization.

Environmental/Political Satirist
Dave Lippman is available for bookings. Show features George Stump, moderate clearcutter from the Environmental Prevention Agency; George Shrub, singing CIA agent; and Seymour, downwardly mobile yuppie (Dumpie). Sliding scale arrangements. Contact Dave Lippman, PO Box 10764, Oakland CA 94610, (510) 893-5845.

Use an Herb, Go to Jail. Call and/or write your Congressional representatives to protest pending bills HR 3642 and HR 1662, which would prevent you from buying, using, or sell-

ing many vitamins, minerals, herbs and supplements. For more information, contact your local health food stores.

Save the Audubon Ballroom. Save the Audubon Coalition is working to preserve one of Harlem's cultural landmarks. Biotech firms want to level the Ballroom to build a four-block factory and research lab. STAC has also helped file a lawsuit charging the local government and the biotech corporations with failure to give adequate notice for its hearings on the hazards of urban biotech. Contact STAC at PO Box 1047, Harlem, NY 10037, 212-781-0899.

Strategic Nonviolent Campaigns: The Next Step in the Struggle for Justice. May 1-3, Washington DC, workshops led by Mubarak Awad and George Lakey. In this participatory workshop we will go beyond basic protest events to learn how to design strategic, nonviolent campaigns. \$90-230 sliding scale, including food. Call Nonviolence International, 202-244-0951 or Training Center Workshops, 215-729-7458.

Training Workshop for Nonviolence Trainers. May 29-31, Philadelphia, led by George Lakey. Followed by June 1 Consultation on Cross-Cultural Training. For ex-

Car Dependence: Costs, Causes and Cures

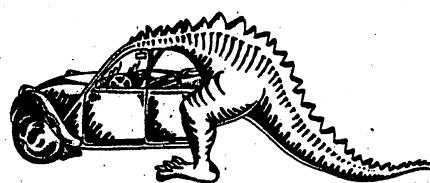
**The 2nd International Conference
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Keep Up With Student Organizing

SEAC Newsletter Keeps You In Touch

Threshold is the national newsletter of the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC).

Recent features have included Womynspace, Organizing Urban Youth, and Environmental Racism.

Individual memberships are \$15 for students/youth, \$50 for others. Campus group rate is \$30. Contact Threshold and SEAC at PO Box 1168, Chapel Hill NC 27514-1168.



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perienced and potential trainers. Open to activist leaders, researchers and educators. Increase skills in group design and facilitation, gain new training skills, and network with other trainers. Sponsored by Training Center Workshops, 4719 Springfield Ave, Philadelphia PA 19143, 215-729-7458.

Coalition to Boycott '92 is calling for a boycott of this year's presidential elections. The coalition conceives of the campaign as "much more than a 'don't vote' campaign. We see this as an opportunity to actively expose the dead-end of national electoral politics. The boycott is an effort to render conscious the non-voting majority's unconscious contempt for national electoral politics and to give it a radical political content."

The Love and Rage Network made the initial call for the coalition, which is to be explicitly anti-sexist, anti-racist, and anti-capitalist. The Youth Greens and Left Greens later endorsed the boycott as well.

For more information, contact the Love and Rage Network at 212-925-7966.

Indigenous Women Plan Speaking Tour Against Nuclear Testing

"Our Mother in Crisis: Indigenous Women Speak Out Against Nuclear Testing" is a spring speaking tour, with indigenous women from Nevada, Kazakhstan, and possibly Tahiti visiting 22 communities throughout the southwest United States, in California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Indigenous women have a powerful, compelling voice within the international citizen's movement for a nuclear test ban. Indigenous women know a double oppression, because they face both the cultural- and gender-specific effects of nuclear testing.

All of the world's nuclear test sites are on indigenous people's lands. The United States' Nevada Test Site is located on Western Shoshone land. In the former Soviet Union, tests were conducted on the lands of native Kazakh people, until an historic citizen's movement closed down that test site last year [see last issue, page 32]. And France conducts its tests in the Polynesian Islands.

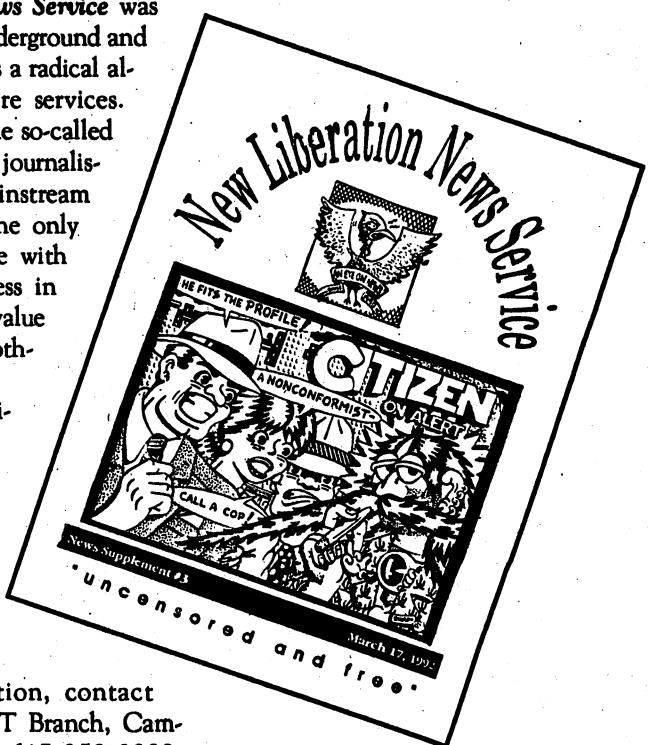
A visual display of photographs and text will accompany the tour. One panel will present portraits and testimony from indigenous women activists, radiation survivors, and downwinders. A second panel will explore the pervasive cultural imagery which connects society's fears of the destructive power of the bomb with fears of women's expanding social power as presented in post-war U.S. pro-nuclear propaganda.

For more information on the tour, contact American Peace Test, PO Box 26725, Las Vegas NV 89126-0725, 702-386-9834.

New Liberation News Service was founded to offer small underground and community media outlets a radical alternative to existing wire services. "We do not believe in the so-called objectivity touted as the journalistic standard by the mainstream capitalist press. To us the only honest journalism is one with an admitted bias. Fairness in reportage is the single value NLNS holds above all others."

NLNS sends out periodic "News Supplements," packets of reprinted stories and graphics from alternative press sources. Members are free to reprint most articles without restriction.

For more information, contact NLNS, PO Box 41, MIT Branch, Cambridge MA 02139, 617-253-0399, peacenet: nlns



Alternatives ...

The *Directory of Intentional Communities* is the product of two years of intensive research, and is the most comprehensive and accurate directory available. It documents the vision and the daily life of more than 350 communities in North America, and more than 50 on other continents. Each community's listing includes name, address, phone, and a description of the group. Extensive cross-referencing and indexing makes the information easy to access for a wide variety of users. Includes maps, over 250 additional Resource listings, and 40 related articles.



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immorality of weapons of mass destruction and working to end nuclear weapons testing through a campaign of prayer, dialogue, and nonviolent direct action.

Working together with regional, national and international groups, NDE seeks a Comprehensive Test Ban as an important step toward global disarmament.

The Nevada Desert Experience is also joining with the Western Shoshone Nation and a coalition of groups related to the Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance [GANNA, see Green Letter, Spring 1991, page 20] in planning for an alternative to the Quincentenary celebrations October 3-12, 1992, in Las Vegas and at Nevada Test Site.

Desert Voices is the newsletter of the non-profit Nevada Desert Experience. Your letters, articles, announcements of coming events, poetry or humorous pieces are welcome. For more information contact Nevada Desert Experience, Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127, (702) 646-4814.



100th Monkey

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This walk will reflect love, concern, and respect for the land. Portajohns and minimal water will be provided, but otherwise, walkers must be prepared for total self-sufficiency. Donations of food, bottled water (5 gallons-plus) and money are needed. Organizers strongly recommend no cars other than support vehicles. For information on the Walk, call (510) 655-6028.

There will be an encampment on land adjacent to the Test Site. As part of International Earth Day, there will be a series of nonviolent actions on and around Sunday, April 19, aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of nuclear testing.

More information on these actions will be available at nonviolence preps, at the Peace Fair, or by calling (510) 658-6770. Donations, suggestions and questions can be sent to, The Hundredth Monkey Project, 504-A Emerson St, Palo Alto, CA 94301. An Organizer Packet is also available, for a \$5 donation.

Indiana Incinerator

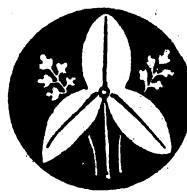
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large volumes of waste, we will sabotage pollution prevention efforts in this country and state. We need to implement pollution prevention programs before we determine what sort of waste management facilities we require." Grant Smith

• "What incinerators do is offer waste generators an escape from the liability of their waste. When you have your waste on hand you're liable for anything that happens to the environment or people's health. When there's cheap and easy and liability-free disposal, there's no way manufacturers in this country are going to have the incentive to reduce their waste by changing their processes." Joe Thornton

Rhone-Poulenc is a wolf in sheep's clothing willing to profit at the expense of communities already being crushed by toxic pollution. It is time to begin to reclaim the environment from the polluters. And the first step towards this goal is to allow the citizens of Hammond to decide whether they want a hazardous waste incinerator as a "good neighbor." Let the city of Hammond put the issue to a referendum, where the residents can decide which companies will and will not alter their future. Anything less is an abdication of the democratic principles this country was founded upon.

by Craig Grabow, associate director of PAHLS Inc., a Northwest Indiana based not-for-profit grassroots environmental organization. Edited by GroundWork



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with young people.

Registration for the Bioregional Congress is \$225-300 for adults, \$100 for children. Checks can be made out to "Realistic Living — TIBC-V." Cabin or camping accommodations are available.

For more information, contact Realistic Living, PO Box 140826, Dallas, TX 75214.

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the area where they will be working. We are developing cultural, social and educational programs, and planning a range of activities to share the richness of our cultures with visitors.

At the same time we are contacting national sponsors of Detroit Summer such as Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Manning Marable, Vincent Harding, Rose Harding, Rosia Carter, Richard Moore, Roberto Mendoza and others to encourage young people (18 to 25) to apply. In this way, we are working so that out of town volunteers will reflect the diversity of our nation.

For applications and information write: Detroit Summer, PO Box 07313, Detroit MI 48207. Donations are welcome. Make checks payable to Detroit Summer.

by Sharon Howell

Refugees

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heading efforts to curb the influx of refugees even further. In this context it does not matter much whether a state government is conservative or a SPD-Green coalition. The Greens loyally remain in state coalition governments with the SPD in Hessen and Lower Saxony and currently try to enter another one in Bremen (with SPD and Liberals) despite the SPD's adherence to the all-party consensus on asylum. So SPD and Greens on the one hand try to mobilize against the extreme right, but on the other hand their state governments support the federal government's attempt to keep refugees out or get rid of them as soon as possible.

If there is anything defending immigrants, refugees and the right to asylum in Germany today, it is definitely not political parties. It is the growing number initiatives of trade unionists, Christians, or just concerned citizens. It is people like the railway employee informing anti-fascist civic committees about the arrival of skinheads in town. It is initiatives such as the one of artists that organized a 10-hour solidarity concert in Berlin's Germany Hall of many prominent rock, pop and punk bands. Headline of the concert: I am a foreigner.

Chernobyl Actions

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Center Rd, Rt. 1, Ripon, WI 54971.

Greens Help Plan Chernobyl Events

Anti-nuclear power actions are planned around the country as part of Earth Day/Chernobyl events. Green locals are playing a key role in many of the coalitions. Among the plans:

New England: demonstration planned at Vermont Yankee Plant. Greens from New Hampshire, Vermont and western Massachusetts are involved. Contact Kenny, 802-387-6627.

Eastern New York: a regional mobilization Friday April 24 at the State Energy office. Contact Mark, 518-434-7371.

Western New York: a Syracuse demonstration against Nine Mile Plants, and the Fitzpatrick Plant, and a march on the Niagra Mohawk Power Company, which operates the Nine Mile Plants. Contact Howie Hawkins, 315-475-4822.

Minneapolis: Prairie Island Coalition, which includes Green groups, Greenpeace, American Indian Movement, Downriver Alliance and others, is planning a march on Northern States Power on April 22. Contact Laura, 612-871-4277.

Iowa: a demo is planned at the Duane Arnold Nuclear Plant. Call David of Des Moines Greens, 515-222-1637.

North Carolina: the Orange County Greens are planning an Alternative Energy Fair. Contact Dan, 919-967-4690.

Michigan: Protests are planned against the Fermi and Cook Plants, including a "run away from nuclear power and toward renewable energy. Contact Mike Keegan, 313-457-5979, or Bob & Aimee Glidden, 616-483-2238, or Kay Haffner, 616-684-1632.

Connecticut: Protests against the Millstone Plants are planned. Contact "Shut Down Millstone," 203-785-0198.

Florida: The South Pinellas Greens and Tampa Bay Greens are planning actions Sunday April 26 at the headquarters of the Florida Power Company, owners of the Crystal River Nuclear Plant near St. Petersburg. Contact Roger, 813-894-0200 or Bob, 813-822-5322.

For more info on the Greens' involvement in Earth Day/Chernobyl actions, contact Howard Hawkins, 315-475-4822.

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Environmental Summit

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those of native American leaders, who played a major role during the four day gathering.

Gail Small, a Northern Cheyenne attorney who co-chaired the summit with Dr. Chavis expressed the frustration and anger of many tribal groups represented at the summit.

"Environmental laws do not protect our people," she said. "We have suffered through 500 years of colonization and oppression by people who set out to conquer Indians and our land."

"With less than four percent of our original land base left, we are now being asked to accept white America's trash and poisons. America's way of thinking must be challenged," she insisted.

On Saturday morning, when Dana Alston of the Panos Institute addressed the gathering following presentations by representatives of the Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council, she called on the major environmental organizations to go beyond internal racial "diversification" and fully address the concerns raised by SWOP and the Gulf Coast Tenants Organization in letters submitted in 1990.

"Our movement is not a reaction to the environmental movement," Alston said. "We have come here to define for ourselves the issues of ecology and the environment."

"For us, these are not narrowly defined. Our vision of the environment is woven into an overall framework of social, racial and economic justice. The environment for us is where we live, where we work, and where we play."

Alston said "the environmental movement is floundering; and in some sense

searching for a new vision. When we talk about building a coalition, our concerns have to be brought to the table," which she said includes issues of underground nuclear testing, lead poisoning, and debt for nature "swaps."

"We are not interested in a parent-child relationship," added Alston, a member of the planning committee.

Clearly speaking on behalf of the hundreds assembled, Alston concluded, "this is the legacy of colonialism and racism, but you don't ever hear that come out of their mouths. Our communities and our people are an endangered species too."

The historic four-day summit reflected the growing multi-racial, multi-cultural movement of Indigenous and grassroots people against environmental degradation. For the first time, they came together to educate one another about their concerns and to network on a national level.

Summit delegates approved a 17-point statement of environmental justice principles that call for universal protection from nuclear testing, production and disposal of toxic wastes and poisons that threaten the fundamental right to clean air, water, land and food. The principles also stress the spiritual inter-dependence to the earth and the special sovereign relationship of Native peoples to the US government.

The summit concluded with a ceremony conducted by Cree spiritual leader Rose Auger who presented the leaders of the summit with a medicine bundle to hold for one year. She instructed the leadership to use the bundle to pray for wisdom and strength in pursuing environmental justice for people of color.

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tounded and confused, but undaunted.

Yet, throughout the charade and the righteous African response, never once were the Indians of the Americas mentioned - the fact that tens of millions lay dead with ancient civilizations in ruins within thirty years of Columbus' first voyage, what delicately has been called by historians "the greatest demographic disaster in human history." Nor was an Indian voice heard during the debate, for as Russell Means, one of the founders of the American Indian Movement, has said, Indians are the only people of the major peoples of the world unrepresented at the UN: One might even say, systematically excluded.

By the time of the 1982 debate, Indians had been lobbying the UN for five years, proposing for one thing that the UN declare October 12 "The Day of Mourning and Solidarity with the Indians of the Americas." By 1982, American Indian lobbyists felt they had made an impact as the UN had just established the Working Group on Indigenous Populations in September of that year. However, the General Assembly debate three months later indicated that little had changed in terms of consciousness.

Presently, after seven annual meetings of the UN Working group, which is attended by hundreds of indigenous representatives, an official declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples and a study of indigenous treaties are in the works. However, Indians, to no avail, have lobbied for 1992 to be declared "The Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples." Spain must have spent a large portion of its GNP during the last five years to block such an action. The UN, in principle, has accepted the declaration of a year for indigenous peoples - any year but 1992. (1993 was selected.) Spain, of course, has had a little help from its Western and Latin American friends, and particularly the US.

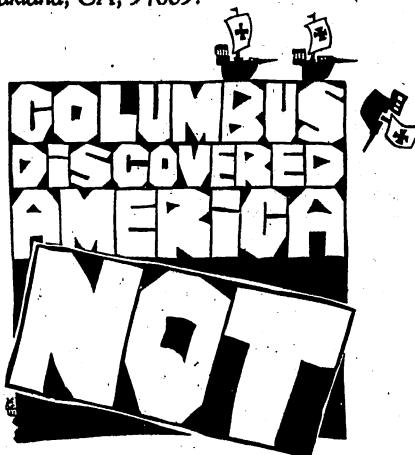
And Spain has organized activities, including garnering the Olympics and the consolidation of Europe, for 1992. The US Congress has allocated \$79 million to fund an official "Quincentenary Jubilee Commission."

The 1992 celebration of Columbus'

voyage should outrage human consciousness: In the same year, 1492, the first European pogrom against Jews took place, and in fact, included all Semites: All Moors and Jews who refused to convert to Christianity (Moriscos), were expelled and deported from Spain in that year. The first enslaved Africans were transported across the Atlantic ocean on that fateful voyage; perhaps the grossest genocide, not "demographic disaster," in human history was initiated; modern colonialism, accompanied by the ideology of racial (biological) superiority and inferiority, was introduced and codified; modern capitalism, with its rape of natural and human resources, was born. We live today in the wreckage of those five hundred years.

Native peoples from all over the hemisphere are properly outraged and attempting to organize opposition to this obscene and macabre celebration. One such effort was initiated in Quito, Ecuador, in July 1990, with the "First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples - 500 Years of Indian Resistance."

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trash and poisons."

Encroaching on the Western Shoshone

That feeling is shared by the Western Shoshone Nation whose land in Nevada was taken by the government to build the Nevada Test Site (see pages 16 and 17 this issue and the Summer, 1991 issue for more information on the Test Site). The military has exploded more than 700 nu-

clear bombs since 1951 including 100 above-ground blasts that were allowed until 1963. Although the Treaty of Ruby Valley never ceded lands to the US, providing only permission for settlers to pass through Shoshone land, the federal government ignored the treaty and took more than 800,000 acres for weapons testing.

The department of defense (DOD) now uses that land to conduct both underground nuclear tests and aerial bombing at the adjacent Nellis Air Force Gunnery Range and the Tonopah Test Range. These tests expose millions of citizens in a five-state surrounding area to radiation.

"We are the most bombed nation in the world." William Rosse, Sr. proclaims at the many environmental gatherings he attends. "We've had more than our share of radiation," says Rosse. "Now they want to put the Yucca Mountain repository on our lands."

The proposed high-level nuclear waste repository would create cavities and tunnels spreading over 1500 acres inside the Yucca Mountain to store 70,000 metric tons of deadly nuclear waste. An additional 150 surface acres would be used to house administrative and warehouse facilities. The estimated price tag to taxpayers so far is \$15 billion.

The repository is intended to keep nuclear waste "safe" for 10,000 years by placing steel cannisters filled with the most deadly substances on the planet in tunnels up to 115 miles long.

If approved, the repository would operate from 2003 to 2053, taking in nuclear waste from nuclear waste sites throughout the nation.

Only five states would not be impacted by the transportation of high-level radioactive waste, causing many state and local emergency response teams to worry about the prospects of accidents.

With up to 4000 shipments of radioactive waste crossing the nation annually, trucking industry statistics reveal that up to 50 accidents per year could occur during the 30-year period that nuclear waste would stream to Yucca Mountain.

Fearing the dangers posed, some tribal leaders have called for a ban on the transportation of hazardous waste through their reservations and a handful of tribes have outlawed hazardous waste operations.

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our country. It will create a fellowship between generations and make clear that the devastation of American cities is not "their" problem but "ours." It will let the world know that together we can overcome. Detroit Summer is co-sponsored by Detroiters Uniting, Detroit Greens, SOS-AD, WEPros (partial list). For more information call (313) 921-1236 or 341-7749. Please announce this in the various workshops taking place on campus. If you want applications on the Detroit Summer please contact me, Bunyan Bryant, The University of Michigan School of Natural Resources Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, (313) 764-6453 voice, (313) 936-2195 fax.

by Bunyan Bryant

Greens and UNCED

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and the U.S. is not a moral leader. The U.S. has not only not submitted its national report to the UNCED Secretariat, it has not negotiated in good faith with the environment in mind. For the U.S. this is apparently the United Nations Conference on Development and Defiance. The President, for example, has said there will be no targets or timelines for the reduction of greenhouse gas CO₂ emissions thereby isolating the U.S. from the G7 (lesser developed nations) as well as other nations of the world and dashing any hopes of a convention on climate change.

Many parallel meetings will be taking place in Rio including one of Indigenous Peoples, one for NGOs/Social Movements, and the first Global Green Gathering. Green Movement and Green Party as well as Green Parliamentarians and Personalities are invited by the Brazilian Partido Verde to this pre-UNCED gathering on May 30 and 31, 1992 in Rio. This gathering will be the first time that Greens from around the globe will have an opportunity to meet in a formal setting. The Brazilian

Greens want to use the conference as an opportunity to issue a Green response to the UNCED proceedings through a global Green document and direct actions and to establish a coordination of Greens globally.

For further information on the UNCED conference and Green participation through the IWG contact Kendra Ellis, IWG, c/o Earth Island 300 Broadway, Suite 28 S.F., CA 94133. The IWG can also be contacted through Econet at greeniwg.

Melanie Williams

IWG's Year of Change

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Agreement, 500 Years of Resistance, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), and mechanisms for continuing the relations between the three parties. (See the accompanying article by IWG member Melanie Williams for more information about UNCED). The conference was coordinated to take place at the same time that President Salinas and Prime Minister Mulroney were in San Francisco to speak on the issue of free trade for Mexico and Canada. A coalition of environmental, labor, and peace groups organized a demonstration to coincide with Salinas' speech.

Our database is serving as one of our most valuable resources. The IWG serves as a clearinghouse for contacts as well as printed resources, such as platforms and publications from Greens around the world. We also have use of the contacts from other organizations including Earth Island Institute and the Turtle Island Bioregional Congress to augment our resources.

The International Working Group is currently working with the Greens National Coordinating Committee on a new charter to reflect the evolving needs and diversity of the National Greens. We welcome any comments from locals about how we can best serve your international needs and how locals would like to be involved with the IWG. For any additional information about any of the projects listed above or comments, please contact the International Working Group c/o Earth Island Institute, 300 Broadway, Suite 28, San Francisco, CA 94133; phone 415-788-3666; fax 415-788-7324; econet greeniwg.

Kendra Ellis and Ross Mirkarimi

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15th to protest government spending priorities, demonstrating against the Ku Klux Klan, and organizing a community music project through their Green Arts Council. They are now working on a "Goodbye Columbus" campaign. The Pennsylvania Green Party was formed at a recent statewide gathering.

The Washington, D.C. area Potomac Valley Green Network is working within the Statehood Party, a progressive, African American-led third party in the District of Columbia. The West Virginia Greens recently received the West Virginia Environmental Council's endorsement of their position on pesticide spraying. Several new local groups are forming throughout the state.

The newly-formed Morgantown Greens recently rallied in support of a solid waste reduction bill, and have been fighting hard against the construction of a huge toxic waste incinerator in East Liverpool, OH. In April, they ran Jack McKivigan as a candidate for City Council. The West Virginia Campus Greens recently rallied against a local powerplant and incinerator.

These reports are just a sample of Green activity over the past months. Many of the country's 300 Green groups organized against the Persian Gulf Massacre, and most organized for Earth Day. Many sent delegations to the 1991 Greens Gathering. Most also publish some sort of newsletter with calendar, articles on local issues, and discussions of what it means to be Green. They have regular meetings, educational presentations, potlucks, concerts, and other community-building activities. The Green movement is truly a diverse ecosystem!

compiled by the Greens Clearinghouse



Notices from the Greens Clearinghouse

Interns: Last summer, the Clearinghouse enjoyed the company and efforts of our first intern; we would like to make this a tradition. We can't offer any money, but the local beer is good, and so are the opportunities for intensive firsthand study of the U.S. Green movement. Drop us a line if you're interested.

The Greens Bulletin: An Important Notice for Active Members (you know who you are): The Greens Bulletin is your local's monthly lifeline to the national Greens, and is one of our most important means for keeping this fast-growing organization grassroots democratic. Every local in good standing is required to have at least one subscription, either (preferably) in the name of the local, or in an active member's name. Being in "good standing" allows a group to send delegates to the annual decision-making Congress, to participate in any ballot votes and discounts on Green merchandise. There have been reported problems with *Bulletin* recipients not bringing it to local meetings and so forth. Don't let this happen to you! Know

who in your local gets the *Bulletin*, and make sure that everyone gets a chance to see it every month. If your local's contact person changes, let us know as soon as possible; we've found out more than once that we've been sending the *Bulletin* to someone no longer directly involved with a local. If you can afford it, we strongly recommend renting a P.O. box in your local's name, to prevent such problems.

Personal subscriptions to the *Bulletin* are encouraged; it's a good way to keep up on the day-to-day of The Greens. Anyone can subscribe. \$35.00 a year from the Clearinghouse.

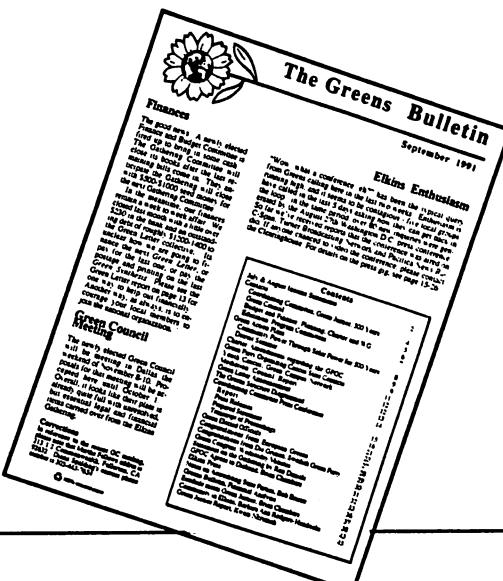


Has your membership in The Greens expired? Thanks to the wonders of modern database technology, it's easy to tell your standing. Just look at your address label on the back cover; it will say whether you are active or supporting, current or expired, your expiration date, and (if you are active) your local's name. We send all expired members at least an issue extra. If you're expired, you know what to do: send us \$25 renewal if you are a supporter, or contact your local if you are an active member. Thanks!

The Greens Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 30208, Kansas City, MO, 64112.

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"Making the Connections," the fifth annual Florida Greens conference, will be held May 29-31 at Camp Ithiel, near Orlando. Greens from ten Florida locals plan to attend: Clearwater, Ft. Myers, Gainesville, Lake Worth, Orlando, Pensacola, St. Petersburg, Santa Rosa, Tallahassee, and Tampa; as well as many other like-minded individuals.

Dorms or camp sites are available on a sliding fee scale. Suggested fees are \$65 adult, \$15 per child including childcare. For information, an agenda, and a registration packet, contact the Florida Greens Conference Working Group, 813-535-3115 or 813-447-3426.



Santa Cruz Greens Serve Organic Meals to Homeless

The Santa Cruz, California Greens are working with the Citizens Committee for the Homeless and Earth Save to serve an organic, vegetarian brunch on the weekend for the homeless. Members of the Outreach Working Group are attempting to make a zoning change at the River Street Shelter so that this can happen. There is a large amount of enthusiasm for this project. Let the eating begin!

For more information, contact Eric Kubovcik, 408-457-2109.

National Green Calendar

April 10-12 Green Council Meeting, Detroit, MI. The Council serves as our legal Board and makes organizational decisions between annual congresses. It will also be discussing important questions concerning how the next Green Congress is organized. Site contacts: Paul Stark/Sally Petrella, Detroit Greens, 313-271-1643

April 10-19 "Hundredth Monkey" demonstration. Las Vegas—Nevada Peace Test Site. Contact: 510-655-6028.

April 22 Green community teach-ins on Earth Day/Sun Day. Contact: Howie Hawkins, 315-445-9232.

April 25-26 Chernobyl Anniversary. Regional anti-nuclear mobilizations & actions. Contact: Howie Hawkins, 315-445-9232

May 17-24 Turtle Island Bioregional Congress, Kerrville, TX. Contact: Turtle Island Office, c/o Realistic Living, P.O. 140826, Dallas, TX, 75214. (This was erroneously listed under October in the January Greens Bulletin. Sorry!)

May 22-25 Continental Left Green conference, Iowa City. Contact Laura Winton, 319-354-8441.

May 29-31 Florida Greens statewide conference, Orlando, FL. Contact: Kathy Yonkin, (813) 595-8976.

June 1 Draft proposals are strongly encouraged for Greens Gathering 1992.

June 5-7 Prairie Region Gathering

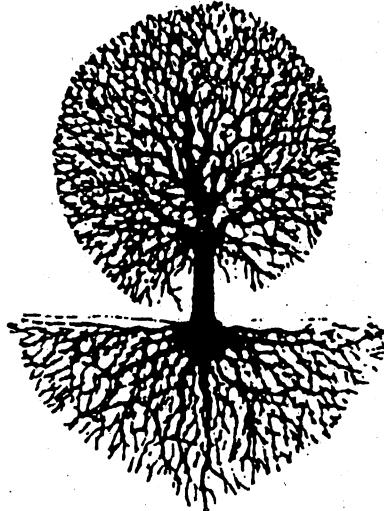
July 1 **IMPORTANT!** Reports and final proposals sent out promptly for Greens Gathering 1992. (No deadline extensions this time!) Active locals may wish to schedule one July membership meeting to review proposals and elect delegates for the Congress. Unless the Green Council changes last year's precedent, delegates will be apportioned based upon your local's July 1 membership.

July California Green Party meets. Exact date is not yet set. Contact (213) 31-GREEN for information.

August 3-5 Green Economics Conference, Minneapolis, MN. Contact: Diana Spalding, 3305 4th St., Boulder, CO 80304. Campus Greens meet, Minneapolis, MN, Contact: Eric O'dell, 505 B Pine Bluff Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

August 5-10 National Greens Gathering, Minneapolis, MN.

Contact: Greens Gathering '92, P.O. Box 582711. Minneapolis, MN 55458-2711.



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James Bay: Hydro-Quebec Project Defeated

Among the hottest campaigns this year is the ongoing struggle to halt the Hydro-Quebec power company's exploitation of James Bay and the Native Peoples and ecosystems of the region. A major success for activists came in early April, when New York Governor Cuomo declared that New York will not accept a contract to purchase power from Hydro-Quebec.

New York's potential support for the project was central to its success. Other New England states (including Vermont and Massachusetts) must be persuaded to

boycott Hydro-Quebec's James Bay II Project, in order to protect the region's ecological, social, and economic infrastructures.

Ontario Hydro is another power company hoping to capitalize on bays in Northern states, like Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Quebec government may also seal off James Bay as a reservoir to sell water to the U.S.

Let's celebrate our success in New York, and continue to oppose unsustainable energy and promote solar power and

energy efficiency. Contact: Vermont Coalition to Save James Bay c/o Peace and Justice Coalition, 186 College St., Burlington, VT 05667; Arctic to Amazonia, POB 73 Strafford, VT 05072; Catalyst, Box 1308, Montpelier, VT 05602; James Bay Action Team, Box 408 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276; Northeast Alliance to Protect James Bay, 139 Antrim St., Cambridge, MA 02139.

(Green Letter Volume 7 #1 carried a story on the James Bay project. Back issues available for \$2ppd.)

Globally, Acting Locally

ly take positions and monitor their City Council's voting record on social and ecological issues.

TEXARKANA REGION

The Cross Timbers Greens in Denton, TX are very active around toxic contamination involving a local solvent reclamation plant and a local cement company.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO

VALLEYS REGION

The Memphis Greens are active around toxic waste and wetlands protection. The Woodland Greens have worked with other organizations in developing a Nashville-area solid waste plan. The Orange County Greens (NC) are gearing up to participate in the National Action Plan.

The Central Ohio Greens are supporting "The Elders Project," a 500 Years speaking tour of Native elders. The Northeast Ohio Greens will be making the 500 Years campaign a primary focus in 1992. Congratulations to the OU Campus Greens, whose ecological float placed third in the Homecoming Parade! They also have been campaigning against toxic polluters Ashland Oil and British Petro-

leum, and irresponsible University development. The Central Ohio Greens organized workshops on saving energy to combat local increases of 28% in electric bills, and have also been working on local water use issues. Their fight against a proposed huge toxic waste incinerator in East Liverpool, OH continues.

DEEP SOUTH REGION

The Atlanta Greens participated in a Christmas celebration of economic conversion at the King's Bay Trident nuclear submarine base. The Clearwater Greens (FL) have been working on incineration, wetlands issues, and preserving a local stand of oak trees. The Tarpon Greens have been fighting for equal high school recruiting access for peace and conscientious objectors' organizations.

NORTHEAST REGION

The Great Bay Greens (NH) are involved with the redevelopment of decommissioned Pease Air Force Base. The Warner Greens are working on economic development initiatives such as forming Green industrial cooperatives.

Welcome to the newly-formed Merrimack Valley Greens in northeastern Mas-

sachusetts, who are currently opposing a local incinerator and ash pit.

The Maine Green Party recently organized a statewide rally against budget cuts. The local Green Party chapter has been active in opposing a co-generation facility in Ellsworth, near Bangor.

The New Haven Green Party (CT) recently ran two candidates for City Council, receiving 30% and 14% of the vote. They have a member on a commission to rewrite the city charter, and are working on recycling and tax justice issues.

There are forty active Green groups in New York State. The Ithaca Green Party currently has two people in local office, and there are two Greens in office in Catskill as well. The Buffalo Greens have been organizing in support of their local food co-op and working on recycling. A new chapter may form in Syracuse.

The Capital District Greens have been working hard in Albany: protesting the S & L bailout at the local Merrill Lynch office, and calling upon the local GE plant to clean up. Member Mark Dunlea was just elected to the Poestenkill City Council. Greens from across the state recently rallied at the state capitol against buying power from the James Bay hydroelectric project; Governor Mario Cuomo has abandoned the city's plan to purchase power from Hydro-Quebec.

A New York Greens statewide meeting is planned for March 20-21.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

The Philadelphia Greens endorsed several local Consumers Party candidates and are working to overturn the renaming of Delaware Ave. to Christopher Columbus Blvd. The Endless Mountains Green Alliance keeps its members informed with updates and positions on current Congressional legislation. Welcome to the Lehigh Valley Greens, a new Pennsylvania affiliate which has been working around peace issues. The Lancaster Greens had a very active year, faithfully attending peace vigils throughout the war, rallying on April



Three Humboldt Green Party members and two Yurok Indians were arrested when police turned a peaceful protest violent. Yuroks had called the protest to raise awareness of Simpson Timbers spraying of the toxic Garlon 4 herbicide on tribal lands.

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trees in northern California. The San Joaquin Greens (Fresno) have been organizing against the development of river bottom lands, and have been showing educational videos in the community on the October Surprise and on the meat industry.

The Hawaii Green Party is 3/4 of the way to full statewide ballot access, with 3,100 signatures of the 4,500 required. They have been working on local and state legislative issues by circulating research/position papers, and recently completed their state platform. The Great Basin Green Alliance (Reno) have been working around transportation, roadway, growth, and development issues, as well as the Nevada Test Site. A student Green group has also formed at the University of Nevada-Reno.

NORTHERN PLAINS/WILD ROCKIES REGION

The Long Valley Greens (ID) are working on establishing a community recycling program and opposing plans for a new resort in their area. The Boise Greens sponsored an Independence Day Peace Parade, participated in a Gay-Lesbian Freedom Parade, and now work on recycling and mass transportation. Jim McGrath of the Missoula Greens has been traveling around the Wild Rockies region, helping several new Green groups to form in Idaho and Montana. Any groups sighted in the Dakotas or Wyoming lately?

SOUTHWEST/SOUTHERN ROCKIES REGION

The Arizona Green Party has obtained 9,000 of the 14,000 signatures needed for statewide ballot access. They are organizing for ballot access primarily at the county level. If they achieve ballot access in most or all of Arizona's counties, that will automatically give them statewide access as well.

The Boulder Green Alliance endorsed four City Council candidates in the last election and organized for the shutdown and cleanup of the Rocky Flats munitions facilities. The Evergreen Greens (CO) are working to secure a permanent facility for

community groups, as well as a local recycling project. The Front Range Greens in Fort Collins are working on transportation and biking and have prevented hazardous waste incineration at a local cement factory. Welcome to the newly-affiliated Aspen-area Sopris Greens, who are working to overturn local zoning ordinances which ban outdoor clotheslines.

UPPER GREAT LAKES REGION

The Twin Cities Greens, AWOL Greens, and U of MN Campus Greens are organizing the next Greens Gathering, scheduled for August 5-10, 1992, at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. The Minnesota Greens Confederation has met several times and is looking into forming a state Green Party.

In Michigan, the Huron Valley Greens fielded a Green Nonviolent Action Team (GNAT) to help with local abortion clinic defense efforts. They are also working with the Grand Rapids Greens and the Southwest Michigan Greens on a national Chernobyl anniversary action. The Detroit Greens have been working with inner-city groups on urban livability and revitalization, work which has led to the national Green "Detroit Summer" campaign. Detroit Summer is off to a bang-up start, with a kickoff at the First Annual People's Festival. "The boss ain't coming back, so we have to make our own jobs," says longtime Detroit activist Jimmy Boggs.

With 18 reported Green locals, there's little doubt that Wisconsin boasts the highest number of Greens per capita. The Northwoods Greens are working against oil company discharges, and will be fielding no less than four candidates for the Douglas County Board in the spring of '92. The Milwaukee Greens are organizing for light rail transit. The Door County Greens and Clearwater Greens held vigils during the war. The Monroe County

Greens are working on wildlife habitat preservation. The statewide Wisconsin Greens have been diligently and effectively working against mineral mining and in solidarity with Native spearfishing rights in northern Wisconsin. The UW-Madison Campus Greens are working on an environmental audit of their school. The UW-Eau Claire Campus Greens are working to get organic food into their school cafeteria, as well as opposing a local incinerator. The Northwoods Greens (Duluth-Superior) are running four candidates for Douglas County Board and two for Superior City Council.

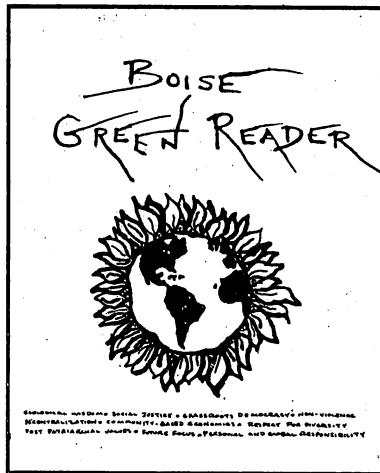
The Wisconsin Green Party will be officially launched in 1994!

PRAIRIE REGION

The Green Renaissance of Wichita has been active in abortion clinic-defense efforts. The new Des Moines Area Greens have been giving educational presentations on the destruction of Iraq, and distributing fliers door-to-door against using lawn chemicals.

In St. Louis, the Gateway Green Alliance is opposing trash incineration, and received a grant from the Citizen's Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste to sponsor a regional conference on the issue. Members of the GGA have actively supported the defense of the Shawnee National Forest; two were arrested last October. The Greater Kansas City Greens produced a local platform and ran two candidates last spring, and are sponsoring the 500 Years Walk Across America. Local Greens have also been active setting up the local recycling program, protesting George Bush, and working against a medical waste incinerator. Members have served on a city Waste Minimization Committee which has developed a comprehensive curbside recycling plan for Kansas City, MO. The Missouri Green Party is launched and active.

The Columbia Greens (MO) regular-



U.S. Greens thinking globally, acting locally!

The Green movement continued to grow at the grassroots in 1991. Here are some reports from around the country:

WELCOMING NEW LOCALS!

Since the last publication of Green Letter, fourteen new locals have formed:

- **Northeast Missouri Greens**, Kirksville, MO
- **Olympic Peninsula Greens**, Port Angeles, WA
- **Jamestown Greens**, Jamestown, CO
- **Sopris Greens**, Basalt/Snowmass, CO
- **San Diego City Greens** (name provisional), San Diego, CA
- **Rock Bridge Greens**, Lexington, Virginia
- **Rochester Greens (re-forming)**, Rochester, NY
- **Salt Lake City Greens** (forming), Salt Lake City, UT
- **White River Greens**, Enumclaw, WA
- **Merrimack Valley Greens**, MA
- **Lehigh Valley Greens**, Bethlehem, PA
- **Des Moines Area Greens**, Des Moines, IA
- **Western Greens**, Bellingham, WA
- **Athens Greens**, Athens, GA

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

The Green Party of Alaska just elected two Greens to municipal offices: Kelley Weaverling, of the Prince William Sound bioregion (site of the Exxon Valdez spill) was elected mayor of Cordova, Alaska, with 30% of the vote. Mike Milligan was elected to the Kodiak Borough Assembly, and also serves on a local citizen's advisory commission. The party (first Green Party in the U.S. with statewide ballot access) recently held its second convention, and has been working in support of Native rights and for local control over the oil

protested George Bush in September, and organized Christmas tree recycling in Portland this year. Their Labor-Environmental Solidarity Network is investigating the prospects for Green community-based economic development. The Tacoma Greens are organizing a series of study groups on the Ten Key Values. The Washington Greens held a statewide meeting in November.

FAR WEST REGION

The Green Party of California has attained ballot status. They are now the 3rd largest party in 15 of California's 56 counties. Party reps recently met with the Green Party of Canada and the Partido Ecologista de Mexico to develop a joint statement of opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement. The party also is pursuing campaign finance, proportional representation, and voter registration reform.

Over 60 local Green chapters are organizing across California, working on both the drive and local issues. The East Bay Green Party petitioned to place a successful Children's Initiative on the ballot, guaranteeing 1.5% of the city budget to childrens' needs. The San Francisco-based Lavender Greens have developed a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay Working Platform. The Ocean Beach Greens recently scored a City Council ban against the local use of fast-food Styrofoam. Gloria Purcell of the San Mateo Green Party recently ran for City Council. San Diego Green Party member Dan Tarr was elected to the Municipal Water Board last March. The Direct Action Affinity Group of the Central Sierra Greens have been engaging in civil disobedience to save ancient forest



industry.

The Columbia-Willamette Greens (Portland) sponsored a successful "Reclaiming our Economy" conference and have been working on a Green City Vision. They are also supporting the Labor-Environmental Solidarity Network and

California Green Party Gains Ballot Status



Because of nonprofit restrictions on coverage of electoral politics, Green Letter is unable to carry reports on the California Green Party gaining ballot status. For more information, contact the Bay Area Green Party, PO Box 20999, Oakland CA 94620, 510-649-9773.

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The Greens and UNCED: “Greening the Earth Summit”

In the fall of 1989 "a number of forces led to the call for a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) by the UN General Assembly." The summit will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this June. Green preparatory work for UNCED has been quite extensive and widespread. At the European Green Congress in Zurich last summer, a committee was chosen to draft a green response to UNCED. It has been released under the somewhat presumptuous title "Ecological Sustainability: Greening the Earth Summit."

This past year (1991) Juan Tomas Rhebok, an IWG member and representative of the Turtle Island Bioregional Congress Steering Committee, became a board member of the Environmental Liaison Centre International (ELCI), based in Nairobi, Kenya. Through Juan Tomas's nomination as an ELCI board member, the IWG was selected to send a delegate to Paris in December for the Global Non Governmental Organization Conference.

There were 40 U.S. delegates chosen to attend the meeting in Paris, sponsored and completely paid for by the French government. The Paris gathering was to facilitate the drafting of a citizen's Agenda 21, to promote networking between NGOs, and to provide an opportunity for groups to strategize ways to impact the Earth Summit process. The IWG chose to send Melanie Williams, an active IWG member and university lecturer in international relations from Humboldt State University located in the coastal rainforest of northwestern California. In San Francisco the IWG in conjunction with the Citizen's Network sponsored a preparatory meeting for all those delegates attending the Paris meeting from the West Coast. Thirteen

organizations were able to attend and to strategize about their participation in Paris.

In Paris Les Verts called a parallel meeting of Greens and l(The Greens) like-minded individuals in attendance at the NGO Conference. The Tuesday evening meeting lasted three hours and was attended by roughly 75 people. Greens from Tunisia, Martinique, Russia, Mexico, the U.S. and many other places took the opportunity to craft a statement for the press which expressed Green values and Green concerns as they relate to the UNCED process. Les Verts held a press conference the following day.

U.S. Greens are being asked to participate at PrepCom IV in NYC March 9th to April 4th. This was the final drafting/debating stage before the Earth Sum-

mit in Rio. Plans for hosting a parallel Green gathering similar to that in Paris are being made. Efforts to accredit the IWG in order to participate in formal proceedings are also being made. All Greens are urged to get and stay informed about UNCED and to educate their elected officials.

Green vision, Green analysis, and Green facilitation are sorely needed in the UNCED process. The governments which had originally projected the completion of four conventions (treaties) on environment and development, as a result of their work, now look incapable of producing any. While Green philosophy provides grounds for facilitating forums for international discussion and diplomacy, it also gives us grounds to criticize the hierarchical, bureaucratic, racist, sexist, classist, ecocidal aspects of the U.N.

The UNCED process has been an expensive and time-consuming one. It has absorbed the energies of many well-meaning people for two full years, but their good intentions will not be enough. President Bush is not an environmental President

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Report from the International Working Group of the U.S. Greens

A Year of Change

1991 has been a year of tremendous change for Greens internationally as well as in the United States. While Greens have lost representation in countries such as Sweden and Germany, they are gaining recognition and power in other regions of the globe. As Green parties and movements around the world continue to grow, it becomes imperative that we foster links of information and support globally to help the Green movement grow. The International Working Group has been in a position to help build some of these links during 1991 through our various projects and activities.

The Persian Gulf conflict prompt-

ed a Green network that continues to span over twenty-five countries. The IWG participates in a network known as "Gulf Peace," which keeps many organizations informed about the continuing environmental, health, and social effects of the Gulf War, and spans over Asia, Europe, Australia and North and South America.

In September, the International Working Group hosted a conference with participants from the Green Party of Canada, the Partido Ecologista de Mexico, and the Green Party of California. Topics included the Free Trade

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Detroit Greens Play Important Role

Detroit Summer Takes Off

Today, cities all over the U.S. are in a crisis. The wealth of economic opportunities that helped create our cities has disappeared. With the loss of jobs has come loss of population, decay of housing and infrastructure, an eroding tax base, deteriorating city services, crime, drug abuse, homelessness, and blight.

Nowhere has this spiraling urban crisis been more graphically demonstrated than in Detroit. Once a center of the U.S. auto industry and a mecca for millions from the American countryside and the world, Detroit is today a national symbol of urban devastation and drug-induced violence.

But a new spirit is rising in Detroit. It is found at the community level where people are rehabbing abandoned houses, walking streets against crack and crime, planting gardens, organizing community conciliation centers and reclaiming neighborhoods as places of safety and peace for children and elders. It is the spirit born out of people struggling together.

Detroiter are saying WE THE PEOPLE will educate our children. We will create productive and loving communities. We will put our hearts, minds, hands and imaginations together to build a city of co-operation, compassion, community, enterprise, and participation. To support these grassroots activities and help nurture this spirit of struggle and solidarity, The Greens have issued a call to young people to spend two weeks in Detroit in the summer of 1992 working with citizens organizations in a variety of community based activities, including: rebuilding homes, planting urban gardens, marching on crack houses, restoring and reclaiming neighborhoods, workshops, and cultural events learning from the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of Detroit.

In the spirit of the 1964 Mississippi Voter Registration Project, Detroit Summer '92 will draw national attention to

"recivilizing our cities" as the number one priority of our period. It will encourage

young people at the local and national levels to take responsibility for our communities, our cities and

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Several dozen community groups gathered at the November People's Festival to celebrate reclaiming Detroit

Detroit Greens Need Your Help!

Detroit Summer is one of the Greens national campaigns for 1992. The Detroit Greens are heavily involved in the planning, and have issued a call for help from other Green locals. Here's what is needed:

Provide Funds for Staff and General Operations. The national Greens have pledged to support the staff person necessary to coordinate and carry out this work. As of this writing there is little sign that the national committee will be able to be forthcoming with grants or funds. In response to this we are asking Green Locals to make a contribution specifically for staff salaries, budgeted at \$16,000, to pay for a coordinator and assistant for five and a half months. The Huron Valley Greens have pledged to raise \$1000 for this effort.

Recruit and Help Support Youth for Detroit Summer. Local Greens should be encouraging youth from their area to come to Detroit. We are especially interested that local groups see this as an opportunity

to develop local youth leadership. We hope you will help not only with the fund-raising necessary to send a person or two from your area to Detroit, but will develop a speaking and discussion tour on their return so they can share what they have learned and felt. The spirit of this Summer needs to be carried far beyond the boundaries of Detroit.

Volunteer Skills and Assistance. For those who are no longer in the youth category (18-25 years of age), we hope you will consider joining us before or during the three weeks of Detroit Summer programs. We need everything from transportation, housing and emergency health care coordinators to office assistants and artists. While our focus is on engaging young people, we clearly understand the need to bridge the gap among generations. We welcome your support and contributions.

For more information, contact Detroit Summer, PO Box 07313, Detroit MI 48207.

More Detroit Summer news — See page 24 of the GroundWork pages

Campus Greens Organizing Around Country

Northland College Greens are working on zero discharge for the Great Lakes, racial and ethnic diversity on campus, Native American treaty rights, and opposing the Extremely Low Frequency facility in Northern Wisconsin. This ELF facility sends electromagnetic waves to submarines carrying trident missiles, and the Northland Greens sent us their campus paper from January 30 which had a cover article on their ELF protest.

The Campus Greens at the University of Washington are sponsoring the Earth Summit teleconference on Feb. 12, and have initiated a campaign to close nearby University Way to traffic and make it into a pedestrian concourse. They have met with chamber of commerce members and are discussing the issue with the Urban Planning Department at UW. They are looking for advice, so call David Arnett if you have any ideas: 206-827-5338. The University of Wisconsin Greens also sent a cool flyer and a great introductory pamphlet.

The CSUN Greens in California have hosted a lecture on environmental ethics, as well as Walter Bressette, the keynote speaker of the 1990 Green Gathering in Estes Park, Colorado. They also succeeded in preserving the San Fernando Valley's last remaining orange grove. The SEAC state coordinating group for Ohio at Ohio State said they are working on a newsletter; National Forest Plan appeals; incinerators, and, "you name it, we do it." They also made it very clear to us that they are broke. (Join the club.)

Robin Templeton at the National Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest, (NCUPI), has been working on educational access issues, as well as corporate, military, right wing, and CIA ties to

education. NCUPI was founded by Ralph Nader, and publishes a free newspaper called Education for the People, which is probably the best student newspaper in the country, as they print the best of the student press as well as original works. If you haven't heard of NCUPI, give them a call: 202-234-0041.

The University of Cincinnati Campus Greens have been doing anti-war, pro-choice, animal rights, and biodiversity work, some with Ohio Valley Earth First! They are also networking with the N.E. Ohio Greens and the O.U. Campus Greens. The UC Greens also promised to pass the hat to pay for a subscription to ROF at their next meeting (hint hint).

The Ohio University Campus Greens in Athens are busy with Agriculture, solid waste, transportation, and human dignity work. Their phone number is so cool that it deserves to be printed: 614-59-GREEN.

SEAC and the Progressive Student Network at Kent State are working on Native American rights, educational rights, and environmental issues, as well as Columbus Day issues in Columbus, Ohio.

(What happened to the Kent St. Greens!) Yet another Ohio group, at Oberlin College, sent us some info on their activities. Mark and others are developing performances, pamphlets, flyers, and music that "oppose the stagnancy of ideology in general." He says, "I want to be in touch with other people who are too frightened of the next 20 years to go on following rules." (Jello Biafra says 5 years.)

The Colorado State University Greens work on peace, women's issues, racism, recycling and hikes & recreation for group members. They sent a list of 20

plus groups that they have worked on issues with. Like many other schools the list includes a Black student group, a Gay and Lesbian group, a local Greens chapter, COPIRG, N.O.W., an Arab Students organization, a Native American Student Association, Rainforest Action Group, SEAC, Students for Choice, a Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals club, and many others. Various Green students often mention working with MEChA, a Latino student organization as well.

From the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, we heard from the Penned-Up Goat Liberation Front. The Front are seeking a "Radical transformation of society, i.e.: Revolution of the Green-Anarchist variety." They work with the Left Green Network, the Anarchist Youth Federation, the Greens, sometimes with EF! and Love & Rage. (L & R, by the way, had excellent coverage of student protests during last year's budget cuts and tuition hikes.)

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Greens are working with local groups to inform people about an incinerator proposed for Eau Claire county. They also organized a regional SEAC meeting in November.

Thanks to those of you that sent reports. Please keep sending them in! We are especially interested in flyers, literature, and newspaper articles about your clubs. If we get some interesting flyers in we will publish them. Also, we have gotten a few requests for our growing data base from various groups such as NCUPI, SEAC, and various Green chapters. We need your input on this! People like SEAC and NCUPI have good free information to send you, so give call to speak your piece before we are forced to make a decision on our own. If you do not want your name given away, call us!

excerpts from Reclaiming Our Future, a publication of the Campus Green Network. Thanks to Jason Kirkpatrick, Eric Odell and Amy Belanger

Membership/subscriptions to Reclaiming Our Future are available for \$8/year from PO Box 30208, Kansas City MO 64112.

Greens Gathering 1992 Takes Shape

Minneapolis, August 5-10, 1992

The 1992 Greens Gathering will be held August 5-10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The site of the main gathering is to be Augsburg College, in the heart of the alternative community of Minneapolis. Within walking distance are two collective restaurants and two collective groceries.

There are three Green groups in the Twin Cities area working on the gathering along with perhaps 20 additional Green groups in the Minnesota/Wisconsin area.

Planners say that so many events are being considered that ten days could well be used. There will be a women's caucus at

the gathering, and some committees and conferences may meet prior to August 5, such as students and the Greens Economics Conference being considered for August 3-4 (see page 35 of the GroundWork section).

Additional information will be available soon. For more information, contact Greens Gathering 1992, PO Box

582711, Minneapolis MN 55458-2711, or phone 612-722-0727, where an answering machine will give an extended message and receive incoming calls.



green news

Green Action Plan Handbook

The 1992 Green Action Plan Handbook is now available from the Greens Clearinghouse. This 58-page resource packet is produced by the Green Action Plan working group of the Greens, and covers the three national action plans which the Greens adopted at the August 1991 Gathering:

Detroit Summer, a project in which the Greens are joining local community groups to bring youth from across the country to Detroit for a summer of renewal.

500 Years of Resistance and Dignity, a multi-faceted effort to make the quincentennial of Columbus' voyages a celebration of cultural diversity and an opportunity for education. The Greens have opportunities to join the many groups across the country organizing around the 500 Years theme.

Solar Power through Community Power, an Earth Day project focusing on solar and other renewable energy as well as democratic control over energy policy.

The packet contains clippings from magazines such as Green Letter, materials from Green groups organizing around these themes, a reading list and resource guide for each of the campaigns.

The Green Action Plan Handbook is available from the Clearinghouse for \$3 ppd; bulk orders of 10 or more \$2 per copy ppd. Contact the Greens Clearinghouse, PO Box 30208, Kansas City MO 64112.

The Greens ECOnomics\$ Conference

Local, sustainable, participatory, socially just economics

At the Greens Gathering 1990 (Estes Park), it became apparent that economics is a crucial area to the Greens that requires much more time for discussion, education, and group brainstorming than we have ever had.

Many Greens suggested and supported the idea of a Greens Economics Conference. The cries were heard again at GG '91 (Elkins), and the Green Congress (informally?) agreed to have an economics conference immediately preceding the Green Gathering 1992 (in Minneapolis).

The task now is to assess how much real interest there is in such a conference, what specifically people would want at the conference, and what resources we have to bring this about.

A Greens Economics Conference survey is being circulated by Diana Spaulding

of Boulder, Colorado. For a full questionnaire, contact her as soon as possible. Following are some of the questions:

- Would you attend a two day conference in Minneapolis August 3-4, immediately before the 1992 Green Gathering? A one-day conference? A longer one? (Room and board approximately \$25/day plus conference fee)
- What sorts of activities would you want to see? (e.g., workshops, panels, debates) and on what topics?
- Are you willing and able to help with planning the conference? With fundraising?
- Be sure to include name, address and phone

Send to Diana Spaulding, 3305 4th Street, Boulder CO 80304

Greens Target Nuclear Power on Chernobyl Anniversary — See GroundWork section, page 20



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About the Greens

If you would like more information about Green activity in your area, contact the Greens Clearinghouse. Members of the Greens receive *Green Letter* with their membership.

The Greens Clearinghouse performs a vital function for Green activity and the exchange of Green information. It is always hampered by insufficient funds. You can help with our work by joining or donating to the Greens.

Contact:

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The Ten Key Values of the U.S. Greens

- Ecological Wisdom
- Grassroots Democracy
- Personal and Global Responsibility
- Social Justice
- Nonviolence
- Decentralization
- Community-Based Economics
- Post-Patriarchal Values
- Respect for Diversity
- Future Focus/Sustainability

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Greens Gathering 1992

Minneapolis, August 5-10



This is the annual national gathering of Greens. Local chapters from around the country will be represented, as well as interested individuals

For more information, contact Greens Gathering 1992, PO Box 582711, Minneapolis MN 55458-2711, or phone 612-722-0727



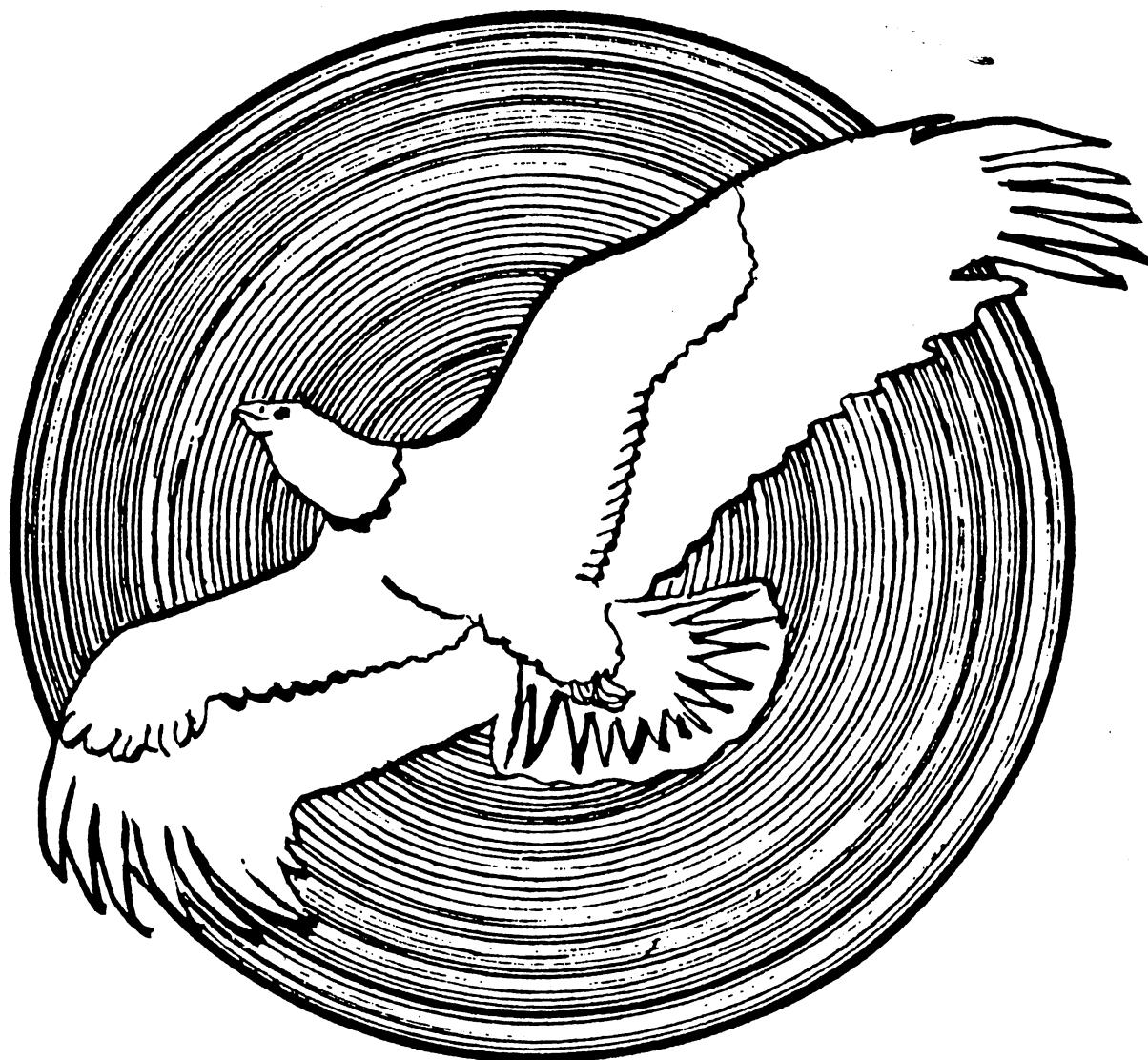
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